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THE MORPHIA CASE RESUMED.

HAYNES CROSS-EXAMINED TO-DAY.

THE ENEVER CONSPIRACY TRIAL RECALLED.

CONVICTION ADMITTED.

The case in which two Europeans, Christie and Blum, are charged with association in an alleged attempt to traffic in morphia, was continued in the Central Magistracy this morning, when the witness Haynes continued his evidence. It will be recalled that Haynes was used by the police to lay a trap for the accused.

In the earlier part of his evidence, Haynes recapitulated previous statements as to his conversations with Christie, and the arrangement to sell morphia to a Chinese buyer. Later, counsel for the defence cross-examined witness on his past activities.

Haynes' association with the Enever fraud conspiracy case was recalled, witness admitting that he was convicted and served a term of imprisonment. He also admitted leaving the employment of a Shanghai paper after a dispute with his employers, counsel suggesting that it was due to an accusation of embezzlement. This witness denied.

The hearing is being resumed this afternoon. At the time of the adjournment Haynes was still under cross-examination.

A SHANGHAI DISPUTE MENTIONED.

When the case was resumed this morning Mr. Haynes continued his evidence.

In reply to Mr. King, the D.C.I., witness said that at the last hearing he referred to a telegram which he saw in Christie's hand. That was on November, about noon, in Christie's room. Witness was quite clear on that, and at the same time Christie produced another piece of paper. That was at the same time as he saw the telegram.

At the last hearing, Mr. King remarked, they were about half way through the meeting at 480 Nathan Road on the 11th, when the price had been discussed and three different brands mentioned.

Witness said he could remember the name of only one brand being mentioned, that being "Hoknam". Au Yeung said that he preferred Swiss.

Mr. King:—Had anything been said by either defendant as to the use of particular names with regard to negotiations?—Christie gave explicit instructions not to use his name in any correspondence at all. I was to write "Dear Jim" and he said I was to sign my name I liked, but not my own name. He said "call yourself Remington, the typewriter." In future chits I either signed "Yours, Remington," or "Yours R."

Continuing, witness said he was present when Au Yeung was negotiating through an interpreter with Christie. Witness could not understand Chinese sufficiently to know what was said in Chinese, but he heard the translator's interpretation.

As Cheap as Possible.

Asked to give the gist of what the discussion was about, witness said that Au Yeung said \$600 was too much. He also said he was likely to be a regular buyer, and more or less hinted that it would be to Christie's advantage to make the price of the first transaction as cheap as possible. His actual words so far as he could remember were "It is in your interest to treat me liberally in the first transaction."

In the transaction the units used were kilograms, continued witness. Mr. King: You are quite clear and definite on the point?—Certainly. There is no question about it.

Mr. Lindsell: The only unit of weight mentioned was kilograms?—Yes.

Mr. King: Was any mention made of oil?—Never at any time. Or cases?—Never at any time.

Questioned by Mr. King with regard to delivery, witness went on to say that Christie said he would deliver anywhere in Hongkong with the exception of Chinese hotels, and that the morphia would be brought ashore in a suitcase by the Japanese captain of a Japanese boat.

With regard to the question of guarantee which was mentioned by

Au Yeung, witness said that Christie said he (Au Yeung) could ask anybody in Hongkong whether the name of James Christie was good. He had been dealing in China for 20 years and anyone who knew anything at all about business would say that James Christie's name was O.K. He then added: "This is a small matter. I have transactions pending with Chinese in Canton involving \$400,000." He produced a Chinese document which he said was a receipt for a deposit of \$100,000 by Chinese militarists in connexion with his arms transaction. He offered it to Mr. Yeung to read, continued witness, asking if that was good enough proof of the bona fides.

Mr. Leask asked whether that receipt was to be produced, and Mr. King replied that he had not got that receipt and would not be able to produce it.

Morphine Offered.

Mr. King:—Did the first defendant agree to provide morphine for the first witness (Au Yeung)?—Certainly.

How much?—He said it was too risky and unprofitable to undertake to bring in less than 10 kilograms, but he could bring in 20 kilograms. He definitely offered up to 20 kilograms for the first transaction but not less than 10 kilograms.

Witness continued that Au Yeung and himself left together that night, but made an appointment for the following afternoon.

Mr. King:—Did Christie say anything more to you that night?—Yes, I was having dinner at about nine o'clock when he telephoned to me. I happened to have just received a postcard and I took down his actual words in shorthand.

What did he say when he rang you up?—He said "Remington" and I said "Yes." He said "James is good and I will get his money for you." Reading from his shorthand note, witness continued that Christie said "Your man's good, I think, but he doubts me and hasn't sufficient faith in you and hasn't sufficient faith in me as a guarantor. If he kicks at a little less, the fact is I have cash for Blum's expenses. I need some cash on hand, but I cannot spare \$200 just at present, as I don't know how much ready I shall need regarding the other transaction. If we handle him properly he will be a permanent Try? Cheerio."

At this point Christie asked permission to speak to Mr. Leask, which was granted.

Report to Police.

Witness continued that he made a report to the police on the following morning giving an account of the conversation to Detective Sergeant A. V. Baker. Wit-

ness added that he was accustomed to meet Sgt. Baker at Glenale at nine o'clock every morning during the whole of the proceedings.

Concluding his evidence with regard to the meeting on the 11th, witness said that Blum did not take any part in the conversation.

Speaking with regard to the meeting on the following day, witness continued that it was arranged that he should meet Au Yeung at the Kowloon Ferry at 2.45 p.m. They met as arranged, and went by car to 480, Nathan Road, arriving there at three o'clock. Both the defendants were present, and the interpreter. When they entered, Christie said "What about it?" Au Yeung replied that his partner was away in Canton and would not be back until the following Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, and although he was quite prepared to do any business on the question of buying or selling, he was not prepared to make any deposit without his partner's consent.

Christie replied that that was very unfortunate, as he had arranged for Blum to go to Shanghai via Swatow by a Japanese steamer on the following morning.

Witness said that first of all Christie pressed for the \$1,000 saying that Au Yeung knew it was dangerous and if he really meant business he would not cavil at \$1,000. This conversation was carried on through an interpreter. Christie added: "Most people would consider themselves lucky to get this cargo even if they deposited the full amount of its value."

Describing the interview in Christie's house on November 12th, witness said the first defendant told Au that if he could not pay \$1,000 down, he must at least pay \$200 as a mark of good faith. Au replied that he did not have \$200 on him, whereupon Christie suggested that "Kay" could go with Au to get the money. Au was not to be cornered and eventually left without paying, explaining that the partners must be consulted before any money changed hands.

Mr. King:—Did any conversation take place between you and Christie that afternoon?—Witness:—He tore off a piece of paper from a pad and wrote a chit which he later passed to me. It read: "Can you let me have \$10?"

What did you do?—Although I had \$60, I replied "No." Christie then wrote another chit in which he said: "I need cash badly. If we can get the \$1,000 out of this fellow, you can have \$100."

Christie Annoyed.

Haynes, continuing his evidence, said that he proceeded to Victoria Gardens the next morning and there found a chit addressed to "L. Remington." He read the chit and then set out to find Christie. He first came across Blum in the Bombay Cafe and together they traced Christie to a house in Nathan Road. Christie appeared to be annoyed and expressed disappointment that the \$200 stunt did not succeed and added that they must now resort to the original demand for \$1,000.

Proceeding, Haynes said that Christie then addressed him thus: "There are one or two things I want to tell you. Get hold of the man again as soon as possible and please understand that I do not want a second Chinese in this affair. I don't want any motor cars either. This is not a neighbourhood where cars stand outside shop for hours on end. Your man is good and I will get his money for you. It has taken me longer to get \$1,000 out of him than it did to get fifteen thousand guilds out of an Australian in Manchester with no more 'cargo' in existence than I have dollars in my hand at the present moment. Papa knows the game, my boy."

Mr. Leask (to his Worship):—Is all this material to the case, your Worship?

Mr. Lindsell:—I think it is material.

Mr. Leask:—Only as to character at the most?

Mr. Lindsell:—Well, as you see, it looks from this statement as if the whole affair to supply morphia was a "blind" in fact. This would show that it was an attempt to get money out of the man without delivering any "cargo" at all.

Witness:—It appeared to me to be an attempt to get the money (Continued on Page 14.)

KOWLOON BLAZE.

FOUR HOUSES BURNED DOWN.

SPECTACULAR RESCUE.

Exciting scenes attended a disastrous fire which virtually destroyed four three-storeyed houses at Laichikok Road, in the Shamshui district of Kowloon, this morning. The outbreak occurred just before six o'clock, and a spectacular rescue was carried out by a Chinese fire sub-officer, who climbed a forty-foot fire escape and brought down from the top-most storey of a burning building a 16-year-old boy who had been trapped by the flames.

Only the skeleton of four houses now remains. The roofs of these buildings are down, and the floors and staircases are almost burnt out. So far, there have been no reports of any casualties, which is a remarkable thing in view of the suddenness of the general outbreak and the early hour at which it occurred.

It would appear that the fire first started in a rattan shop, in the ground floor of No. 60 Laichikok Road, through a heap of rattan shavings being set alight by sparks from a burning chaffy. It then spread to the upper floors, finding an easy path through the wooden casing of the stairs. A fairly strong breeze carried the flames to the next house, No. 62, and then along the line of the block to No. 68. When the first fire appliance arrived, within a very few minutes, from the local district station, four houses were well alight, and it was then found necessary to issue the more serious "district call" to the two principal stations on the island and mainland.

Hongkong Sends Aid.

The first appliance was followed by two others from the Kowloon station. A motor-pump and also the fireboat from Hongkong, with Superintendent Brooks and Station Officer Moss, and a detachment of firemen from Brigade Headquarters on board, were also brought into requisition. Water was pumped from the harbour, and altogether it was estimated that no fewer than eight deliveries had to be brought to bear on the flames.

Shortly after the firemen arrived, a boy was seen in the second-floor verandah of one of the burning buildings. He had apparently been trapped by the flames, and finding no other means of egress had run out on to the verandah. Spectators assisted the fireman in wheeling the 40-foot escape into position, and a Chinese sub-officer brought down the boy across his shoulders.

A representative of the Telegraph who visited the scene of the fire during the morning, found two out of five houses which were involved in the outbreak entirely destroyed, the roof and floors having completely collapsed.

Both Nos. 64 and 66 were formerly occupied by rattan workers, and by the time the Police had been notified of the outbreak the fire had got a strong hold of the bottom floors of these two houses, and the highly inflammable nature of the material soon caused the blaze to spread to adjoining buildings.

The roof and second floor ceiling of No. 62 had collapsed, but the first floor was still intact. The two houses on the outside of the centre three were only slightly burned, most of the damage being caused by water.

Timely Rescue.

Concerning the rescue already mentioned, police officers relate that shortly after the arrival of the appliances, a man was noticed perambulating along the railing of the verandah of No. 66, apparently unconscious of the danger confronting him. He walked right across to the adjoining house (No. 64) and it was only then that he seemed to realise the danger he was in. Noticing that the top floor was alight, he suddenly made a motion to jump into the street. His actions were closely followed by the firemen in the street, and a hose was immediately directed at the man, the force of the water knocking him back. He was then rescued, as already related.

When rescued it was found that part of his trousers had been burned, but he was not injured. Several other tenants of upper floors of the houses involved,

THE AUSTRALIAN STRIKERS.

SERIOUS TURN TO SHIPPING HOLD-UP.

OWNERS' OFFER REFUSED.

Sydney, Nov. 30. The waterside workers here have refused work to-night, holding up the Inter-State and overseas steamers.

The owners are giving the men another chance to-morrow, and if this be not accepted, the owners declare they will tie up their vessels.—Reuter.

Owners' Terms Refused.

Melbourne, Nov. 30. Hopes for the settlement of the watersiders' dispute have been disappointed as the watersiders have refused to accept the owners' terms. The paralysis of shipping all over Australia appears to be inevitable.

None of the cargo of the P. and O. s.s. Maloja, which arrived from London this morning has been unloaded and the vessel will most likely go to Sydney where she will be indefinitely tied up.

The Commonwealth Line's Tasmanian passenger service and the Pacific Company's interstate cargo service are for the present exempt from the trouble.

Arbitration Award Rejected.

Sydney, Nov. 30.

A number of vessels are tied up at Brisbane, Hobart and Fremantle owing to the watersiders refusing employment on the terms of the arbitration award, including overtime work. The watersiders at Sydney have definitely decided not to work overtime.—Reuter.

NEW "FORD" FURTHER DESCRIBED.

HOW THE ENGINE IS BEING RATED.

Detroit, Nov. 30.

The Ford company state that while the capacity of the new Ford car's engine is 40 horsepower, at 2,200 revolutions, it registers just over 24 horsepower for license purposes, according to the ratings of the National Automobile Association, Chamber of Commerce, and Society of Automotive Engineers.

The cylinder bore is 3 3/4 inches and the stroke 4 1/2.—Reuter's American Service.

New York, Nov. 30.

Two thousand daily newspapers are carrying full page advertisements to herald the appearance of the new Ford car on the 2nd proximo. It is described as "of revolutionary design with a forty-horsepower engine capable of sixty-five miles an hour. The publication of specifications has resulted in keen bidding for shares, the Ford Company of Canada advancing eighty points to G. \$715.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITAIN'S STRENGTH IN THE AIR.

ALL PLANES BUILT IN PAST EIGHT YEARS.

London, Nov. 30.

Sir Philip Sassoon, the Under Secretary for Air, stated in the House of Commons, in reply to a question, that of 750 aeroplanes possessed by the Air Force, none was built before 1919.

He declined, in the public interest, to state how many were built in each year from the date.—British Wireless.

scrambled to the roof, and took refuge on tops of the houses at the extreme end of the block. They were able to reach safety without any undue personal danger.

Although the fire had subsided by 8 o'clock, the appliances were on the scene until a very late hour. Up to noon, two of the engines were still pumping water on the debris, as a precaution against a fresh outbreak.

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SOVIET'S VERY SWEEPING SUGGESTION.

DISARMAMENT DELEGATES PROVE CRITICAL.

AN ALTERNATIVE SCHEME.

The international discussion on disarmament, which is designed to make a preliminary examination of the possibilities of a disarmament convention, and to prepare the way for a general conference on the subject, has opened at Geneva, with representatives from 26 nations, including delegates from all the great Powers, from Soviet Russia and the United States.

Much of the time of the first day's session was taken up by a long statement by M. Litvinoff on behalf of Soviet Russia. He made sweeping suggestions, including the general abolition of all the land, marine, and air forces of the world. Alternatively, he suggested a gradual process of absolute disarmament, to become effective in four years' time. He asserted that there had been no progress towards disarmament among the nations.

The Soviet proposal was listened to with respect by the other delegates, but was the subject of considerable private comment of an adverse nature. It was decided, after some demur from the Russian delegates, that discussion of the Soviet proposals be postponed to a later date.

FURTHER DISCUSSION POSTPONED.

Geneva, Nov. 30. The Preparatory Disarmament Conference opened at 11.15 this morning in the Glass Hall, which was packed, Mr. Loudon, representing Holland, presiding.

Remarkable precautions were taken and not a single car was allowed to be parked in the courtyard or the Secretariat, which is usually full of cars. The street running parallel with the hall, was closed to the public, who were excluded from the hall.

Besides the United States and Soviet Russia twenty-four Governments were represented at the Conference. Mr. Loudon, in his opening speech hoped that all the delegates would cordially co-operate in the task of the Conference. A sub-committee to deal with security and arbitration is being formed with M. Politis elected as its Vice-President.—Reuter.

Work Outlined.

London, Nov. 30. Twenty-six nations, including for the first time delegates of all the Great Powers, are represented on the Preparatory Disarmament Commission which opens its fourth session at Geneva to-day. Earlier in the year the Commission was engaged on the draft of questions that might serve as a basis for the main Conference. In the absence of an agreement, work on the draft was delayed and will not be resumed until the present meeting has reviewed the present position and has considered the appointment of a Security Committee, as recommended by the eighth meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

The Assembly's resolution urged that such a committee should be charged with the study, under the direction of the Commission, of the best methods of giving all countries the guarantees of arbitration and security necessary to enable them to fix the level of their armaments at the lowest possible figure.

British Interest.

English newspapers generally are devoting much attention to the proceedings at Geneva, and display a unanimous desire both for economy and for the less materialistic reasons, that special progress on an international basis shall be made towards limiting armaments.

As for Britain's share, it is recognised that, acting independently of all international agreements, Britain has made sweeping reductions in her armed forces during recent years. On land she immediately cancelled conscription when the war ended and has since reduced her army. On sea in co-operation with the United States, she has reduced her fleet to a minimum. On air she has reduced her forces to a minimum. On land she has reduced her forces to a minimum. On sea she has reduced her fleet to a minimum. On air she has reduced her forces to a minimum.

Discussion Postponed.

In the afternoon the president proposed the postponement of the discussion of the Russian state- (Continued on Page 14.)

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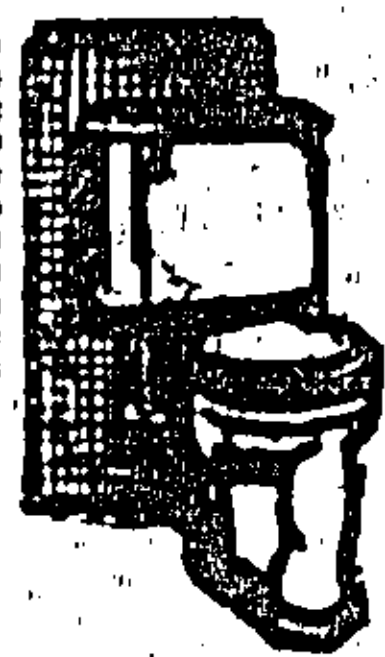
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AN INSANE DEED.

FATHER MURDERS HIS
AILING DAUGHTER.

The story of a father's mental depression, aggravated by the critical condition of his daughter, which led to the subsequent murder of the child and an attempt to commit suicide, was related by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The father was arraigned on a charge of willfully slaying his 15-year-old daughter.

Mr. Whyte-Smith prosecuted on behalf of the Crown and in detailing the facts of the case he said that it was a very distressing one. The accused, his wife and their only child, a girl 15 years old, lived in a cubicle on the first floor of No. 83, Canton Road.

The accused was a tallyman, but had no fixed employment. He seemed to work fairly regularly on ships at the Kowloon Godowns. Both father and mother were devoted to their daughter and lived in harmony until September 16, when their child fell seriously ill.

Two days later a Chinese medical practitioner was summoned and he diagnosed her illness as typhoid fever, but intimated that it was not the typhoid fever that Europeans were subject to. Dr. Dovey, who performed the post-mortem examination, would tell the Court that she had a malarial spleen and other organic disorders.

From the time that the girl first developed her illness her father was in a state of depression and did not go to work again. He went a great deal and always maintained that his daughter was going to die, despite the fact that she showed some improvement after the medical treatment.

Disbelief in Prayers.

On September 21 she had a relapse and the father sat up all night with her in his arms. He lamented throughout the night, saying that his daughter was not going to recover. On the following day he did a very curious thing. He packed up all his wife's jewellery, consisting of bangles and other articles of value, and handed them to a neighbour for safe keeping.

His wife would say, continued Mr. Whyte-Smith, that the reason for this was that he was afraid she would pawn them in order to pay for prayers to be said. It appeared at first that he approved of prayers but later lost faith in them and came to the conclusion that prayers were making the daughter worse. Subsequently, however, he got the jewellery back and returned it to his wife.

On September 23 he was out for a great part of the day, returning to his house at about 6 p.m. His wife would say that he had a peculiar look on his face. He left again at about 7 p.m. and did not return to his house until 4 o'clock the following afternoon. Witnesses who saw him would say that he looked silly.

That day he and his wife had their meals together and the daughter had recovered sufficiently to partake of something. She tried to soothe her father telling him not to worry as her condition had improved greatly, but that did not cheer him up.

The Murder.

After the evening meal he retired for the night, his wife going to bed shortly afterwards.

With the assistance of photos, Mr. Whyte-Smith explained the positions of the beds, remarking that the accused slept by himself while his wife and daughter occupied another bed.

The wife would say in evidence that about an hour after retiring she was awakened and saw her husband crawling from the end of her bed back to his own. He sat on his own bed for few seconds and then collapsed.

The electric light was on, remarked Mr. Whyte-Smith, as it

OBITUARY.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR.
J. M. G. PEREIRA.

The funeral of the late Mr. J.M.G. Pereira took place at the Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday, the ceremony being conducted by His Lordship Bishop Valtorta assisted by the Rev. Father G. M. Spada, the Rev. Father F. R. Noval, Rev. Father L. Rossi and others of the French and Spanish Missions. The pall bearers were Messrs. G. Botelho, J. Baptista, F. L. Marques and V. F. Soares.

Among those present were Messrs. F. M. P. de Graca, P.M.N. da Silva, Chev. J. M. Alves, J. K. Shaw, O. Baptista, J. M. de Graca, A. Baptista, A.J.C. da Rocha, V. F. V. Ribeiro, the Superioress, the Rev. Sister Paul and Sisters of the Italian Convent and Orphanage, Sisters of the Italian Convent and many others.

Floral tributes included those from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Canton Insurance Office Ltd., staff of Jardine, Matheson and Co., F.M.P. Graca, K. A. Mason, J. K. Shaw, Miss C. M. Gonzales, Mrs. E. Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. J.M.P. da Silva.

A STREET CHASE.

PIG DEALER ASSAULTED AND
ROBBED.

Lo Pui, a musician, was yesterday afternoon remanded on charges of stealing \$335 from a pig-dealer and offering a bribe to a Chinese detective.

The story told by the prosecution was to the effect that the pig-dealer, who recently arrived from Kwang Chow Wan, was on a number of calls on local dealers and had collected money. His business being finished, he was strolling along Des Voeux Road with \$335 in notes done up in a parcel and clutched in his left hand. Of a sudden, he was struck in the face. The blow made him dizzy, but that was nothing by comparison with the fact he had lost the money. Starting after the thief, who had come up from behind, and having caught the upstart had snatched the money, the pig-dealer raised a hue-and-cry. A Chinese detective caught the defendant after a short chase down Mui Pong Street. When seized, the defendant is alleged to have pressed a handful of notes into the detective's palm, with the significant remark "Let us understand each other."

The case was adjourned until Friday.

was each night since the girl had been ill. The mother could see that her husband was bleeding at the throat, she could see in fact that her child's throat was cut. She tried to stop the bleeding, at the same time shouting "save life."

The Police arrived soon afterwards and found that the father and the daughter had both their throats cut. On the floor was found the accused's razor.

After doing what they could for the two, the Police had both taken to the Kowloon Hospital. It was believed that the girl was dead before the Police arrived on the scene.

The father was not seriously injured and was later transferred to the Government Civil Hospital, where he was examined by Dr. Valentine, who would say that on arrival he was "out of his mind and violent." After being medically treated the father in the course of three or four days became rational and was now sane.

Mr. Whyte-Smith suggested that the only explanation was that his mind had become deranged through worrying about his daughter's health, his affection and anxiety being the cause of his temporary insanity.

After taking formal evidence the case was adjourned.

CITY ROBBERY.

PIECE GOODS DEALERS
VICTIMISED.

How the arrest of two suspects was quickly effected by the police soon after the occurrence of a big armed robbery in the city, was related at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon.

The two prisoners were charged before Major C. Willson with taking part in an armed robbery, on the night of the 14th of last month, by means of which a sum of \$5,200 was stolen from the Hung Hing piece goods shop at 129 Queen's Road Central. Over \$2,000 is said to have been recovered on the persons of the suspects who were arrested on the Po Tak Wharf the same night.

Sub-inspector Carey outlined the facts. He said that when the police were informed by one of the foks of the shop, who had succeeded in loosening his bonds, they made a wide search of the town.

Shortly afterwards, word came through from Sergeant Humphreys, in charge of a search squad at the Po Tak Wharf, that he had detained a man who was boarding one of the Canton night boats with a large sum of money.

Sergeant Humphreys had not heard of the robbery, and it was while he was searching the would-be passenger as a matter of routine, that the fact struck him as being peculiar that the man should have such a large sum, amounting to several hundred dollars in coins on him, in addition to \$400 notes. He accordingly telephoned to Police Headquarters, was given a description of the escaped robbers, and held the man in custody until other officers arrived to take him to the Police Station.

Half-an-hour later, a second man was arrested on the same wharf while endeavouring to board the steamer with a large sum of money in his possession. As with the first man, he was taken to the Station, where the next day they were put up for identification, and then charged.

The hearing was adjourned.

BRITISH TOBACCO.

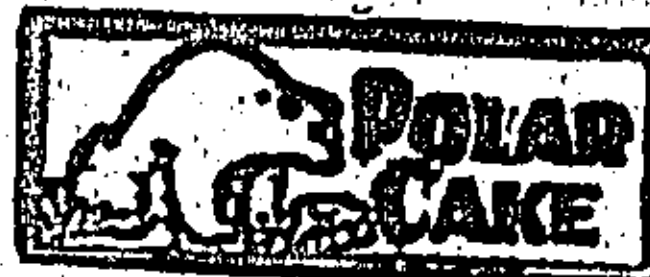
IMPORTS OF EMPIRE GROWN
PRODUCT INCREASING.

London, Nov. 30.
Imports into Britain of tobacco grown within the Empire have increased rapidly during the past year amounting in ten months to 34,000,000 pounds weight, as compared with less than 16,000,000 pounds weight in the corresponding period in 1925, and 25,000,000 in the ten months of last year. The primary cause of the increased consumption of Dominion tobaccos up to the present is said to be the preference of two shillings and a half penny per pound in duty conceded to Empire products. Rhodesia, Nyassaland, and Canada are growing tobaccos which are proving increasingly attractive.—British Wireless.

THE TEAPOT DOME.

CRIMINAL CONTEMPT OF
COURT CHARGED.

New York, Nov. 30.
Mr. H. F. Sinclair has been served with a citation for criminal contempt of court in connexion with the surveillance of the jury in the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy trial.—Reuter's American Service.



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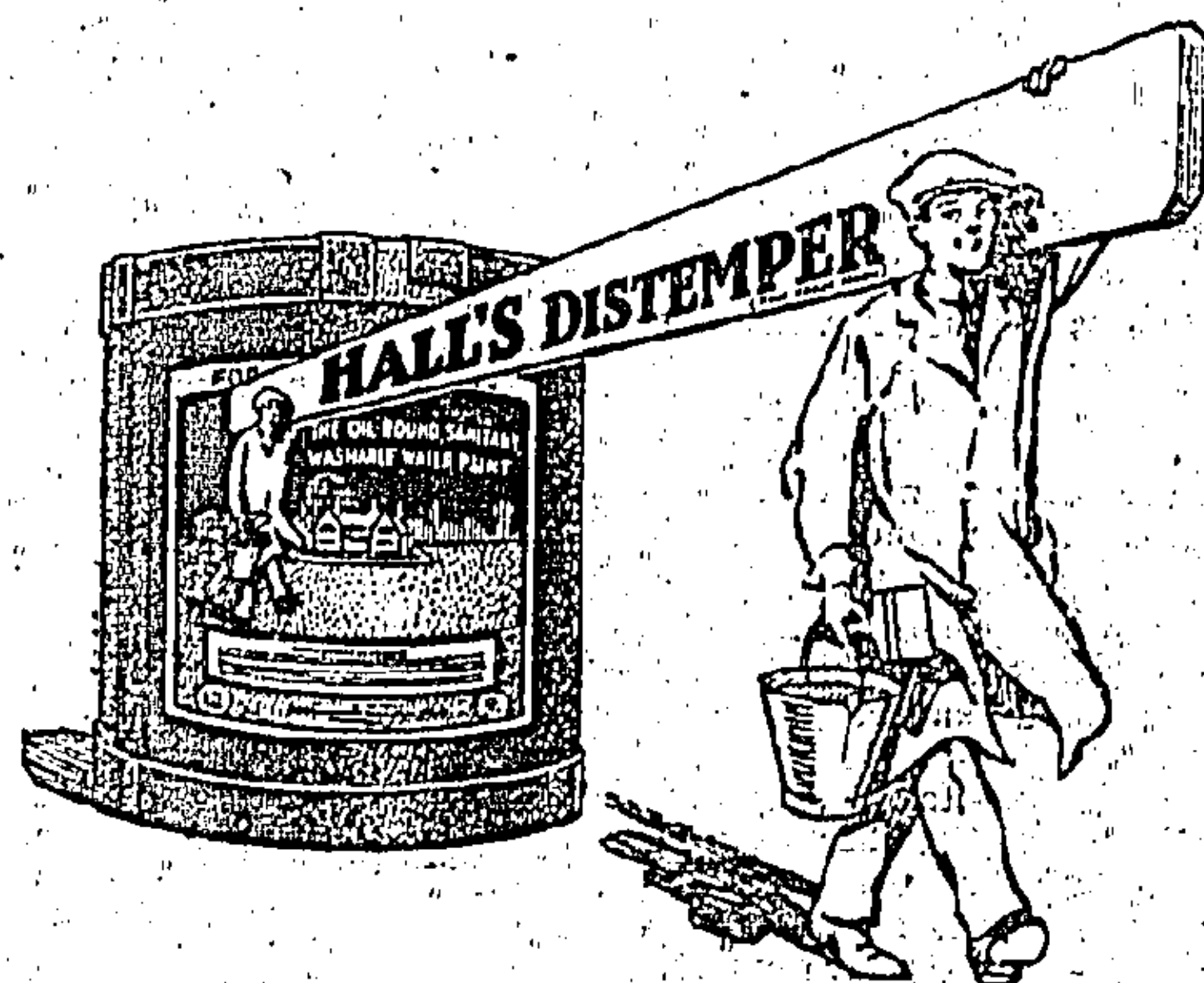
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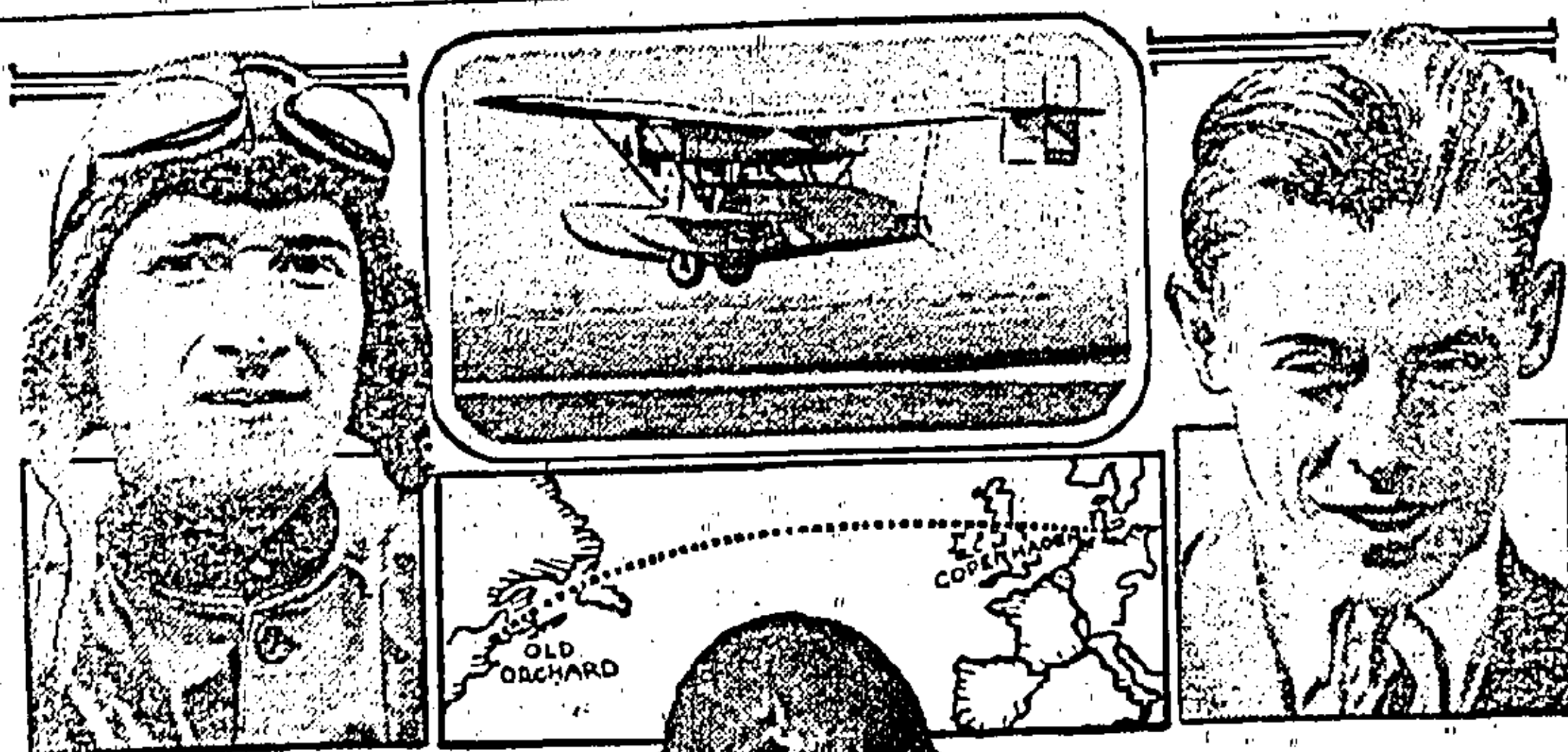


By Small





RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT.—Prince Nicholas, one of the three Regents for the young King Michael, reading the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the first ordinary session of the new Rumanian Parliament. Standing next to him is M. Buzdugan, and, on the left, the Patriarch of Rumania, the two other Regents. (Times copyright).



ATLANTIC FAILURE.—Off toward Copenhagen from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, soars Miss Frances Grayson's Sikorsky amphibian biplane. "The Dawn," Three hours later it landed safely at Old Orchard Beach, N. e., whence its departure across the Atlantic for the Danish

capital was to be taken as soon as weather permits. At the left above is Brice Goldsborough, navigator of the expedition, and at the right, Wilmer Stults, the pilot. Below the map of the route is Miss Grayson in her flying helmet.



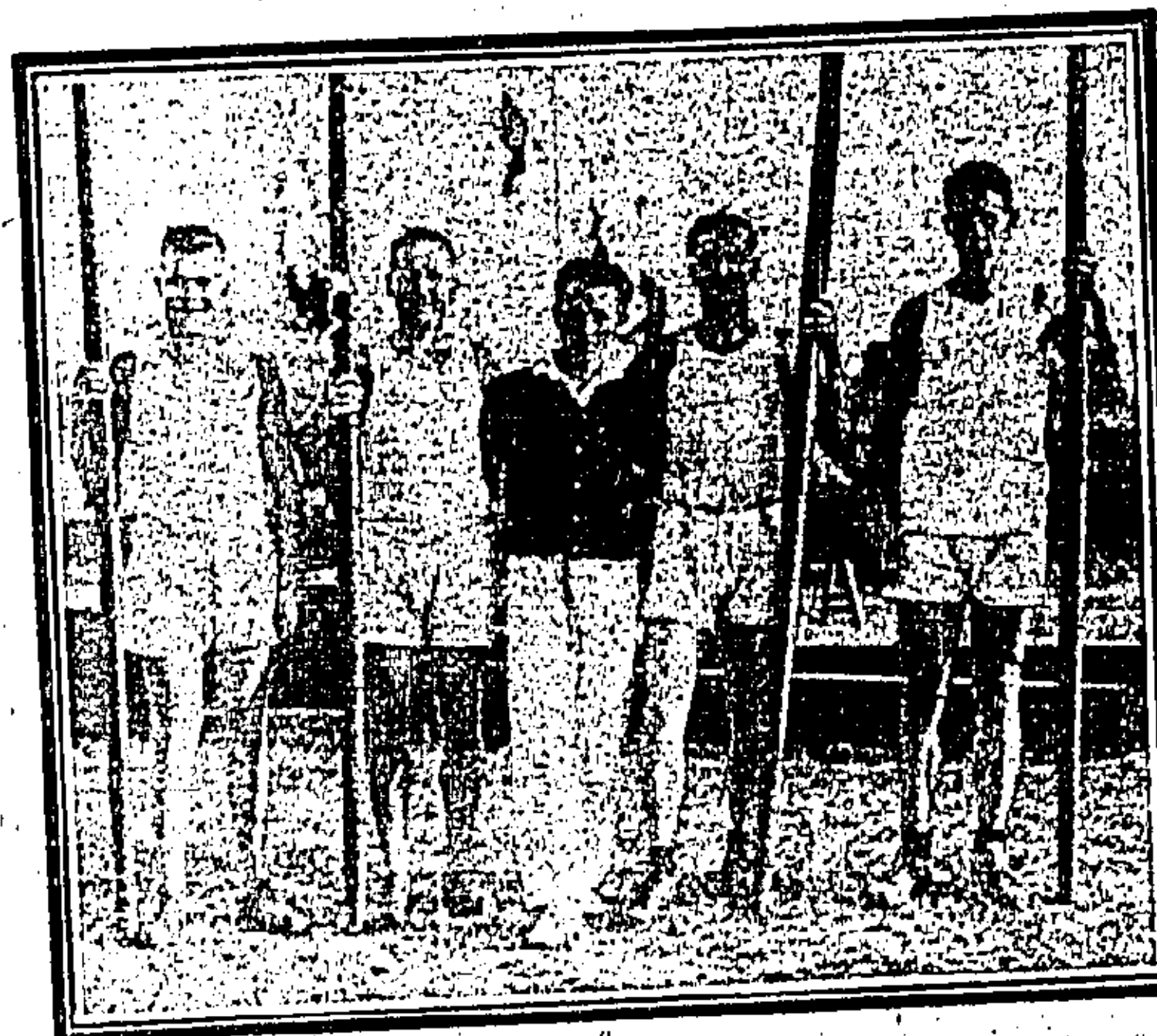
ARRIVING AT ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE.—Major General Duncan and Mrs. Duncan arriving at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, for Armistice Day service.



WEDDING AT UNION CHURCH SHANGHAI.—Group taken after the wedding at Union Church, Shanghai, of Mr. Irwin Joseph Villington Scott and Miss Natalie Foster Ropp. The matron of honour was Mrs. C. Matthews and the best man Mr. T. E. H. Robinson. A reception was held after the ceremony at the Masonic Hall.



THE RETORT DISCOURTEOUS.—Because she was reported to have said "Go to hell," when arrested by a London bobby after nearly running down a pedestrian and speeding away, the millionaire Countess of Kinnoul was fined £20 and disqualified from driving an automobile for three years.



GRIFFINS WIN.—The above picture shows the winners of the Griffin Fours at the recent rowing regatta at Shanghai.



ENGLISH CREW VICTORIOUS.—The English crew scored a win in the International Fours, which was the feature of the first day's racing in the Shanghai Rowing Club's Autumn Regatta. Photograph shows the victorious crew, posed at the Rowing Club. From left to right they are; standing, B. H. M. Broomhall, E. T. Nash; seated, J. G. Lewis, W. J. Brown, and J. H. Ford.

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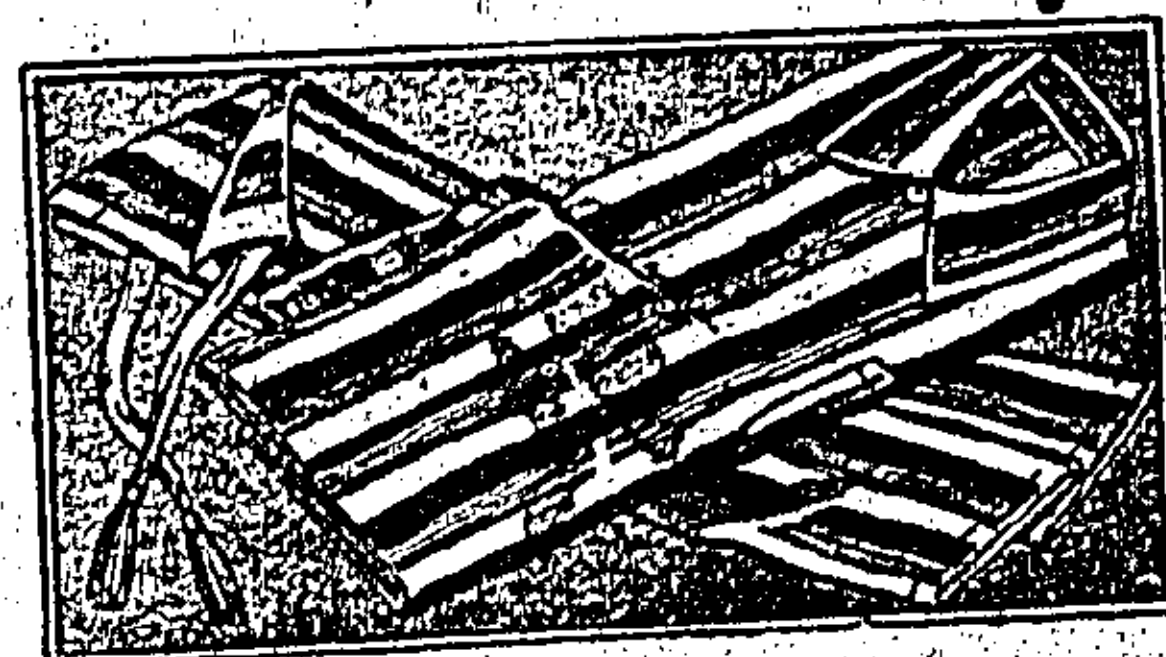


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London, Nov. 22.
An advice to Lloyds from Yokohama to-day said that the British steamer Madras arrived there with its cargo of cotton afire.
The ship loaded the cotton at Houston, Texas.

Washington, Nov. 23.
The air defences of Panama Canal are "pitifully and extraordinarily inadequate," Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Warner, in charge of naval aviation, reported to Secretary Wilbur to-day upon his return from an inspection of the canal zone.

Yesterday's Solution.

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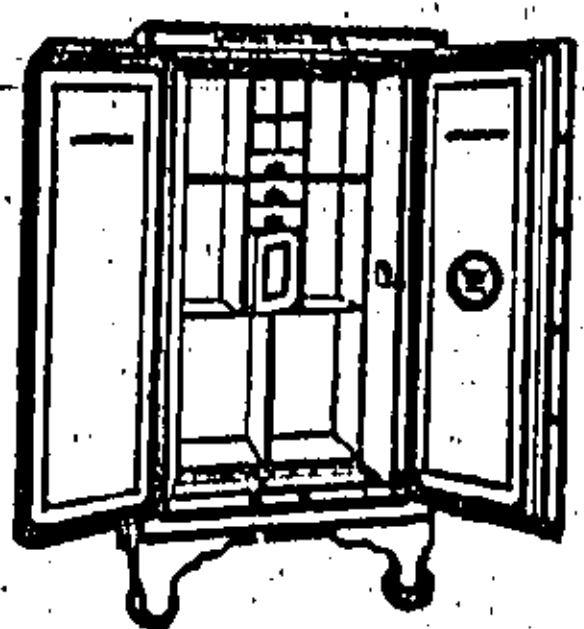
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THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 1927.

THE COST OF LIVING.

It is interesting to note how there is an awakening consciousness that something should be done to check the steady rise in the cost of living, especially so far as it affects the prices of necessities, like foodstuffs in the public markets. The Sanitary Board discussion on Tuesday reviewed the old topic of stallholders' "rings" and the reaction of rentals on the charges for such things as meat, vegetables, and so forth. There is nothing particularly new in the argument put forward for justification of the plea for action, and on looking up our files we find that this aspect of the cost of living has been stressed ever since there was an articulate public opinion, whether voiced in the press or in public utterances. An editorial in this paper twenty-one years ago, almost to the day, urged that something be done to "call a halt in the rise in market charges, and the increased rents collected by the authorities were held partly responsible. It may be as well, however, to review the main points in this matter of higher living costs. There are many predisposing features, and there are numerous aspects of the case to be considered, for example, house rents, the cost of transport, and the prices of clothing and various necessities of life. Yet, by getting at foodstuffs, our public men can at least aid in the campaign towards reducing excessive charges, and deal with the chief concern of the middle and working class populations—the price of their food. Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, nevertheless, had an entirely new feature, namely, a distinct declaration by one of the members that control of prices, more than mere regulation of the system of stall rents or hereditary holding of market rights, would be the only remedy. It is notorious that there are no fixed limits to the prices charged for foodstuffs, and the lists published from time to time, which are declared to be "average" computations, merely serve, as has frequently been pointed out, to emphasise the gradual rise in prices, and the fact that once a peak has been reached it tends to form merely a stage on the upward trend. The grumbles of twenty-one years ago, when everything was so much cheaper than now, were real enough, and one hesitates to imagine what the position is likely to be twenty-one years hence, if nothing be done to place a brake on the upward tendency.

The public might extract a grain of comfort from the fact that the Sanitary Board is instituting an

other enquiry into the whole question of market prices. One cannot get away from the conviction, however—a point which the head of the Board has previously emphasised—that this body is not necessarily one competent to deal with the cost of living or the charges exacted by vendors of necessities. Yet, as we have stated before, the Sanitary Board is the nearest thing the Colony possesses to a municipal commission, and so long as there are men on it who represent the public, the members will be looked to by the various communities to do what they can in bringing up the needs of the day. By its very connection with the markets, the Board is in a position to investigate the question of foodstuffs, their import, handling charges, and retail prices, in a most thorough manner. The men who form the investigation committee may be relied upon to serve with the public interest always at heart. But in the final result they can only make recommendations, and by the very nature of their position will be handicapped in their choice of remedies. What this Colony really needs, and needs urgently, is an official commission of enquiry into the whole subject of living costs, particularly so far as rentals and the prices of necessary commodities are concerned. Such a body would have the power to take the evidence of anyone who desired to be heard, and the recommendations made, direct to the Government, would carry weight, and raise the hope that something substantial would be done to institute reforms wherever such might be indicated as necessary. Yet one discerns in the Sanitary Board the germ of the greater idea, and the public as a whole will wish the enquiry committee success in its tenacious effort to get at the root of the causes of the steady rise in the family budget. It is at least a start on the right road.

Industrial Peace.

Those who have the future prosperity and well-being of the Old Country at heart will have read with the utmost satisfaction the news that a large group of employers has extended to the Council of the Trade Union an invitation to attend a round-table conference for the purpose of discussing the best means of securing industrial peace. Since the foolish General Strike, there has grown up amongst workers and employers alike a strong feeling that recurring warfare between the two groups only results in injury to both, and that much future friction could be avoided if only responsible representatives of each could get together and calmly talk matters over. Some little time ago, Mr. Baldwin threw out a very pointed hint to that effect, suggesting that the best possible results would most likely be attained if employers and employees agreed to meet, without Government intervention of any kind. That suggestion met with a ready response, naturally in somewhat guarded terms, from representative business men and Trade Union leaders. In the meantime, the soundness of the proposal has evidently appealed to people generally, and we are glad to see that there is some probability of the idea being put into practice. Yesterday's message indicated that the Trade Unionists only wish broad principles of possible co-operation to be considered, but that does not greatly matter. The thing is to get both sides together in friendly conference, when, we have no doubt, it would be found mutually beneficial to continue the contact once established. One gets the impression that the workers at home are really tired of strikes, which seldom do good to anybody, and, if that is so, then there could be no more propitious moment than the present at which to initiate a really big movement to attain industrial amity.

Among the passengers leaving Hongkong on the President Cleveland yesterday were Mr. C. A. Peel, Mr. William H. Frohne, Mr. E. A. Mackay, Mr. J. M. da Luz, Dr. C. de M. Leitao and the following members of the Shanghai Inter-territorial cricket team: Messrs. E. A. Barnes, C. E. Ollerodsen, J. A. Isaacs, J. A. Quayle, H. W. Allison, P. Madar, C. J. Smith, T. L. Rawsthorne, L. F. Stokes and J. T. Hegarty.

DAY BY DAY.

HISTORY MAKES US SOME AMENDS FOR THE SHORTNESS OF LIFE.—Skellton.

"Well Wisher."—Your letter has been addressed to the wrong office. We do not publish a Sunday newspaper.

Tuesday's health return shows one Chinese case of typhoid fever.

Yesterday's health return shows one imported Chinese case of diphtheria and one Chinese occurrence of typhoid.

The total revenue from the Colony's waterworks in 1926 was \$980,563, as against \$1,036,738 in the previous year.

The Dance Committee of H.M.S. Titania and Submarines has arranged a dance for to-night at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

A Chinese who was knocked down by earth truck No. 1166 at the Kowloon City Reclamation, was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from serious injuries.

Mr. H. C. Bexan, of 63 Robinson Road, reports that some time during last night some one managed to gain entry to his bedroom and stole jewellery valued at \$80.

A boiler maker employed at the Talkos Dockyard was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his head. A hammer fell on him while he was at repair work on a ship lying in dock.

We have received from Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte one of Jas. Buchanan and Co.'s diaries, advertising their famous Black and White Whisky. The diary contains the rules of cricket and the laws of cricket, tennis and bridge.

A Chinese, sixteen years of age, employed at the Wang Hing Timber Yard in Canton Road, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday. The man attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself in a cubicle.

The P.W.D. Report for 1926 states that during the year 70 mortar samples were taken and tests carried out. There were a number of prosecutions, and convictions were recorded in all cases but one, the fines totalling \$1,625.

The November issue of the Yellow Dragon (Queen's College magazine) is out, and it contains much of interest concerning College activities. There is also a most engrossing article on the flowering plants of Hongkong by "A.H.C."

A Notice to Mariners issued by the local authorities, under date of November 29, states that the master of s.s. Machan reported a derelict junk, dangerous to navigation in Latitude 22.24 N. Longitude 115.30 E., at 5.30 a.m. (G.M.T.) on that day.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone over China has weakened slightly. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S. E. coast of China, and over the China Sea. The local weather forecast up to noon tomorrow is: N. E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Hsiaoang, Liangchow, Fushimi Maru, Achilles, Japan, Tjisaroed, Macassar Maru, Canada Maru, Dell Maru, Yamagata Maru, Santos Maru, Moji Maru, Itachew, Tonkin, Tjipanas, Haining, Sarpodon, Ka-ying, Kwangtung, Lingnam, New-chang, Van Reutz and Hermelin.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, the masters of two fishing boats were charged with using bright lights for the purposes of fishing in a prohibited area, to wit, Lyomun Pass. Pleading guilty they were each fined \$5, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 13 departures, of which four and three respectively were British, leaving 64 vessels in harbour. British 21. Tonnage showed an increase, but freights were generally low, the highest returns being made by Japanese vessels, with Chinese and Dutch holding second place.

Regarding the coffins missing from the coffin shelter of the Tung Wah Hospital, some weeks ago, the vernacular press state that despite vigilant efforts on the part of the Tung Wah Hospital and of the Coffin Shop, they have not been recovered. The same report says that the coffin shop has agreed to pay the owner compensation amounting to about \$1,000 as it was partly due to its negligence that the coffins were left unattended.

LETTER GOLF.

A TALE WITH A POSSIBLE MORAL.

(Editor's note.—The object of this story is to warn all readers to beware of playing Letter Golf without first ascertaining the bogey or par).

A very sleepy-eyed man moped into the editorial office to-day.

"Smatter?" enquired our hole-in-one expert. "You look tired! Saint Andrew's?"

"Tired's right!" he replied, groaning. "I'm sore in my joints, stiff, and got writers' cramp."

"How'dja get it?"

"Golf—playin' golf all night. Hell 'o' a game—that golf. Knocks you cockoo."

"What'dya mean playin' golf all night? That's a bright old day-light game."

"Letter golf's what I mean," growled the bleary-eyed one.

Then he told his story.

It seems he thought he knew Letter Golf backwards. He solved our example yesterday, and then proceeded to make up his own. He had wonderful luck at first. His attempt was from PLANE to CRASH, and he accomplished that in a few minutes, with a par five.

Then, his confidence established, he announced to his cronies that he would next take them, as golfers, of experience, from DRUNK to SOBER.

Feeling that he had to make good, he spent all evening and most of the night in the effort.

The result, so he says, was a 15 par which shot far down one side of a sheet of paper.

But he was game.

Instead of giving us the answer, he has locked it up, and dares anyone to go from DRUNK to SOBER in par 15 or under.

EURASIAN VAGRANT IN TROUBLE.

TWO SERIOUS CHARGES BROUGHT.

A J. Simoi, the Eurasian who appeared before Major C. Willson two days ago on a charge of vagrancy, was again brought before the Magistrate this morning, when two additional charges were preferred against him.

The first was a charge of obtaining goods unlawfully from Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., to the value of \$19.45. The second was a charge of embezzlement and theft of \$35 from Royal and Company.

Sergeant Rowsky, prosecuting, said the defendant was employed by Royal and Co. in August last and his duties were to collect debts and to fit on shoes, for which he received \$35 a month. On July 20th, the defendant, using a memo form of Royal and Co., ordered a tin of Cadbury's chocolates from Lane Crawford's. This order was followed by many others and included such things as toffee, cigarettes, a tie, a pair of shoes and a raincoat. On August 25th, defendant ordered a watch. A number of watches were taken to him and he selected one, promising to pay at the end of the month. He also obtained a silver cigarette case.

Sergeant Rowsky was proceeding on the charge of embezzlement when his Worship observed that since the representative of Royal and Company was not in Court, it would be advisable to adjourn the hearing until to-morrow morning.

He was a double-bass player—of sorts—in an amateur orchestra. Just before one of its concerts he received a polite note from the secretary:—

"I hope you will be able to play at our next concert, otherwise it will cost the Society 10s. 6d. for the hire of a palm to fill your place."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

S.S. Corby Castle (D. and Co.) sailed from Honolulu on the 26th ult. and is expected here on the 1st Jan., 1928.

M.V. Remo (D. and Co.) sailed from Penang on the 28th ult. and is expected here on the 8th inst.

M.V. Viminale (D. and Co.) sailed from Suez on the 29th ult. and is due here on the 5th January, 1928.

S.S. Calula (D. and Co.) sailed from Rabaul on the 30th ult., and is expected here on the 13th inst.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Nov. 30.	
Paris	124
New York	487 15/16
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.30
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	89 1/2
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.19 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.36 1/2
Vienna	34.57 1/2
Prague	104 1/2
Helsinki	193 1/2
Madrid	20.57 1/2
Lisbon	2 7/10
Athens	307 1/2
Bucharest	705
Buenos Aires	5 1/2
Bombay	1 1/8
Shanghai	2 1/2
Hongkong	2 1/2
Yokohama	1 1/2 15/32
Silver (spot)	25 15/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

"I suppose," remarked his wife, "now that aviators are becoming more numerous and long distance flights are getting so common, we may expect to see a weekly paper published in their interests."

"Oh!" said he, "there has been a suitable paper on sale for a long time now."

"Indeed, what is it?"

"Fly paper."

A wife who gave evidence in a case at West Ham Police Court, said her husband earned only £3, 9s. 6d.

The Guardians' representative—He earned £9, 6s. 9d. one week.

The wife—Well, well, well. That must have been when a ship came in with flour.

The clerk—Listen to this record from the employers of various weeks' payments to your husband—£9, 5s. 9d., £8, 2s. 10d., £4, 17s. 11d., £3, 19s. 11d., £3, 17s. 6d. He did not tell you that.

The wife—Not to my knowledge. The clerk—Of course not. You talk to him about it.

The wife—Yes, I will, and I shall have to find out where his stocking is.

"Have you ever been drilled?" asked Mr. Rooth, magistrate at Lambeth Police Court, when three young soldiers who appeared before him lolled in the dock.

"Yes," replied one of the men. Mr. Rooth: I am your superior officer here, and I expect you to stand at attention.

The men promptly jumped to attention. They were Joseph Peter Canfield, aged twenty, Harry John Luing, aged nineteen, and William Hopworth, aged nineteen, all privates of the Border Regiment, and they were committed for trial on a charge of stealing a motor-car.

Birds and animals which are ill are being treated at the Bronx Zoo by ultra-violet rays.

A number of cases, principally of moulting birds, where the treatment had proved successful were announced at a recent meeting of the society.

A monkey which was suffering from rickets was also cured by the same means.

The best beauty-parlour in the world is the Army.—Madam Sarah Grand.

There is far too much worship of pure ugliness, in these days.—Mr. Lloyd George.

I was the first conductor in England to introduce ladies into my orchestra.—Sir Henry Wood.

The Prince of Wales is probably the best salesman of any of us.—Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, jun.

Many of us, and perhaps I ought to include myself, are rather cranky in our ideals.—Sir W. Joynton Hicks.

There are far more important events in life than just reaching another milestone.—Mr. John Burns.

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The Rev. W. H. G. Shapcott (of the Church Army) points out that, although his statement at Leamington recently that "I met a young girl who boasted she could drink forty cocktails a day without turning a hair" was correctly reported, it has been regarded by some people as a definite statement of a definite fact. Mr. Shapcott says the statement was, as his speech indicated, an idle boast on the part of a young, modern girl in a certain section of society, among whom he maintained in his speech that cocktail drinking was a growing menace.

Prince Arthur of Connaught, speaking as the guest of the Salter's Company at their annual dinner, told a story of his experiences when serving as Governor-General of South Africa.

Prince Arthur made a journey up the Zambezi to hold a palaver with some of the paramount chiefs. He was received in great state, and was provided with a stool, on which he was required to sit long enough to find that it was uncommonly hard. The chief of the paramount chiefs made a speech of welcome which took three-quarters of an hour to deliver. When he had finished a native interpreter came forward to explain the oration.

Pointing to the chief the interpreter discharged his task with a single sentence:—"Him say him dam pleased to see you."

P. W. D. REPORT.

SOME ASPECTS OF 1926.

LESS BUILDING ACTIVITY.

There is much of interest in the annual report of the Director of Public Works for the year 1926, which was laid on the table at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The actual expenditure of the Department for the year totalled \$7,791,681.88, as compared with a 1925 total of \$11,638,372.83. A tabulated statement shows that in 1916 the Department spent \$2,272,949.70 and that the 1925 expenditure was the highest for the past eleven years.

Postponed Works.

The amount voted for Extraordinary Works in 1926 was \$7,110,206, but only \$4,720,000.19 was actually spent. It is explained that the considerable saving under this head was due to some works, for which substantial sums were allocated, not being proceeded with during the year and in other cases to less progress being made than was anticipated.

Works not proceeded with, included: Temporary Barracks for Police "Harbour View," Hongkong; Cadet Quarters, Canton; Wanchai Road Widening; Road from Causeway Bay to North Point; Wanchai Road Development; Road Construction; Bonham Road—Improvements and Widening; Access Road to War Memorial Nursing Home, Stubbs Road; Access Road to Q.B.L.L. 14; Service Path from Magazine Gap to serve site South of "Thorpe Maffo"; Tsat Tsa Mui Quarry; Repulse Bay Water Supply; Kowloon Bay, West—Reclamation; Forming and Levelling area in Tai Shok Ku Valley; Public Latrines and Urinals, New Kowloon; Main Sewer from Pak Tsun Heung to Tai Po Road; Filtering Plant and erection, New Kowloon; Road from Tsun Wan to Gin Drunkers Bay, New Territories; Gin Drunkers Bay Development; Water Mains.

Fewer New Buildings.

A tabulated statement gives details of the number of buildings, etc., for which plans were deposited during the year. The total was 2,608, as against 2,446 in 1925, European houses being 67 (against 201 in the previous year) and Chinese houses 147 (compared with 475 in 1925).

In comparison with the figures published in the annual reports of recent years a further falling off in the number of plans dealing with new buildings has to be recorded. The exodus due to the strike in 1925 automatically adjusted the shortage in housing accommodation which had been acutely felt by the Chinese prior to that event; the resulting fall in rents and the number of houses standing untenanted have checked further speculation in building.

There was an increase in the number of plans submitted for "non-domestic" buildings and also in the number of plans dealing with alterations and improvements to old properties.

Government Aid.

As already pointed out, the year was marked by the practical cessation of speculative building in the Colony. Apart from local financial stringency, the supply of tenement houses far exceeded the demand and land owners generally evinced reluctance in fulfilling their building covenants. Many buildings, especially in the Kowloon district, remained in a state of semi-completion throughout the year, and in a number of cases measures had to be taken to remove portions of buildings rendered dangerous by continued exposure to the weather. In cases, however, where owners were genuinely interested in building as an investment, Government rendered assistance by means of the Trade Loan, and towards the end of the year work was resumed on a great number of lots.

It is noticeable that there was an increase in the number of plans submitted under the heading "Alteration and additions"—1,932 in 1926 as against 1,631 in 1925. This was largely due to owners' expenditure on maintenance and improvements of old properties which, in more prosperous times, would have been demolished and rebuilt.

The number of plans deposited during the year was 1,874 as compared with 1,863 in 1925. The number of plans approved during the year was 2,155 as compared with 2,036 for 1925.

Street Improvements.

The policy of requiring houses, when undergoing reconstruction,

COMING ATTACK ON CANTON.

TROOPS CONCENTRATING AT SWATOW.

TEMPTING THE NEUTRALS.

Tension in the upper reaches of the West River is reported from Canton. On Sunday, four regiments of Kwangsi troops arrived at Lukpo, and since there were some "Ironside" troops belonging to the 12th Division stationed at that city, hostilities, in the form of a skirmish, took place at Lukpo on Monday.

Most of the important and strategic points on the West River have been occupied by the "Ironsides," according to reports from Canton.

Samshui, which is by far one of the most important cities on the West River, and which is now in the hands of the "Ironsides," has become the centre and headquarters of the "Leftist" troops, while Wuchow is that of the "Rightist," or Kwangsi forces.

Many towboats and other craft at Canton have been seized by the Government for the transportation of troops to the West River districts.

Swatow Concentration.

Along the East River, conditions continue to be quiet, despite the fact that there is a big army under Chan Chai-long, a follower of General Li Chai-sum, at Swatow. The reason Chan Chai-long is adopting a waiting attitude, it is said, is because General Li Chai-sum, who is now in Shanghai, has telegraphed to Chan requesting him to concentrate all the available troops at Swatow, and await the arrival of more troops of Li Chai-sum from Amoy and Shanghai, before they launch an attack on Canton.

The same report says that Chan Ming-shan, the present military ruler of Fukien, will also be coming down to Swatow to direct the attack on Canton.

A Money Grant.

It is said that \$120,000 was the sum which the Canton Military Council decided to offer to General Fang Ting-yung, who is now directing the anti-Tang Seng-chi armies at Huanan. This sum is said to be given to Fang for the maintenance of his troops, but it is considered the "Ironsides" way of tempting the "neutrals," of whom Fang is one.

The proposal was made by General Chang Fat-kwai, the leader of "Ironsides," and now the Chairman of the Canton Military Council, the former post of General Li Chai-sum.

General Fang Ting-yung, it will be recalled, is one of the three Generals who directed the Canton armies along the North River to attack Hunan recently, by order of Li Chai-sum.

Yesterday a representative of Chang Fat-kwai, with \$10,000 left Canton for Hunan to meet Fang Ting-yung there, but whether the latter will accept the offer is unknown.

SLUMP IN CANTON'S BANKNOTES.

A RUSH FOR SILVER.

According to information issued by the Canton Press agencies, the bank-note trouble continues, and on Tuesday a crowd of some hundreds of persons gathered outside the Central Bank in Canton waiting for their turn to exchange notes for silver.

It will be remembered that, shortly after the coup, when the "Ironsides" had succeeded in taking Canton, there was a considerable drop in the value of the Central Bank notes, and as a result the notes are worth but 80 per cent. of their former value.

Despite the declaration of the "Ironside" leaders to allay the apprehensions of the people, and the invitation to the native bankers to inspect the "big amount" of silver stored at the Central Bank ready for exchange, the fears on the part of the public have not been abated.

to be built at a higher level, where necessary, in order to provide for the future raising of certain low-lying areas in Hongkong and Kowloon has been continued. In some cases arrangements were made allowing the ground floor to be retained at their existing levels upon owners giving an undertaking to raise such floors when the raising of the street is carried out.

Advantage has been taken in cases of rebuilding to require the frontages to be set back to conform to the approved lines of street widening where such have been decided upon.

Where permission for verandahs over Crown footpaths has been requested, consent has been given conditional upon a clear width of ten feet provided for the footpath.

"OUR POOR" DAY EFFORT.

BRISK STREET SALE OF ROSES.

Roses, pink, white and red, were almost generally worn in the City to-day in ready public response to the "Our Poor Day" appeal of the Society St. Vincent de Paul, which held its annual street sale of roses with marked success, promising an even more successful effort than in previous years.

The little lady helpers, charming in their youthful importunities, vied with each other for patronage from a very early hour, holding up wayfarers at all strategic points demanding their toll. The charitable work carried out by the Society readily commended itself to public favour, and the "dues" were divested with a gratifying readiness.

A noticeable feature of the sale was the increased numbers of Chinese lady sellers, exquisitely dressed, who contributed in no small measure to the big success promised by their excellent efforts among, principally, their compatriots.

The headquarters, the Savoy Hotel, was besieged from ten o'clock onwards by a continuous stream of rose sellers who had disposed entirely of their tokens. It is not likely that the final result will be available to-day, but the response has been most welcome and it is believed that well over \$4,000 has been received.

The organisation of the appeal has, as usual, been in the hands of Mr. J. M. Alves.

The following were the rose sellers according to a list made up to noon, there being many more collection boxes to come in:

Mesdames Todd, Chubb, Darby, Sibley, Hargreaves Brown, Richards, C. P. Marcel, B. Brown, O. Ballantyne, J. H. Brister, L. Mance, S. H. Langston, Benson, Scott, Brunel, D. de la Prade, Lawless, W. Hodge, Kern, J. G. Ozerio.

Misses Boddy, Richards, Wells, Thornhill, Weill, Wallington, Alice Rozza, Ada Alves, Vera Hyndman, Stella Hyndman, Marie Hyndman, Betty Alves, Carrie Alves, Francis Schreier, V. Crossan, J. Hayes, G. Allen, V. Allen, R. Reynolds, Miss Tse, Miss L. Choi, Miss B. Choi, Misses Audrey Steele, M. Addison, G. Addison, T. Fullbrook, E. Johnson, L. Chue, E. Sprinkle, D. Smith, G. Grimmit, R. Perry, E. L. Carroll, R. Faith, P. Chea, N. Zim-mern, G. Johnson, H. Russell, R. Santos, H. Ellis, H. Grimmit, A. Chue, S. Sprinkle, H. J. Walker, T. McAnish, Gertrude Bowen, Stella Xavier, Mathilde Paul, Mary Fisher, Nellie Bowen, Violet Mak, Lily Leung, Pansy Lam, Rose Yew, Li Lai Yung, Tsung Yek Kuen, Tam Yek Chan, Tam Yek Sim, Leung Kam Yek, Pung Yek Chai, Irene Williams, Ida Rozza, Grace Rozza, Agnes Leung, Elfrida Barros, Beatrice Barros, Cecilia Botelho, Olga Botelho, Tiddy Pereira, Maria Via Guterres, Hilda Ulerica, Misses Mrs. Hilda Ulerica, Lina No-Mary Chester, Ribeiro, Olga Noronha, Regina Ribeiro, Olga Noronha, Luz Ribeiro, Remedios, Gill Purza, E. E. A. Ribeiro, Betty Ribeiro, Elsa Ribeiro, Betty Brower, Cynthia Garcia, Olga Eca da Silva, Bella Pestonji, Jeremina Pereira, Olga Ribeiro, Carmen Pereira, Beatriz Soares, Irene Jan, Noeleen Roylance, Ida Eca da Silva, Joaquina Fernandes, May Murrin, Edvina Ribeiro, Margie Xavier, Kathleen Maxwell, Norma Gill, Violet Wong, Lucy Li Yek Choi, Agnes Li Yek Choi, Mary Li Yek Choi, Annie Xavier, Kathleen Tui, Annie Chau, Mary Tui, Lily Akker, Susan Akker, Lillian Wong, Daisy Wong, Edith Ozerio, Maria Aro, Philippa Chan, Mabel Isaac, Lucy Chan, Violet Clarington, Molly Young, Rosie Young, R. Xavier, Aterica Gutierrez, Alice Gutierrez, E. Kinola, Bertha Kinola, Cynthia Alves, E. Alves, Tuti Noronha, Agnes, Rosie Murphy, Esther Lee, Amelia Ozerio, Anna Ozerio, Olinda Remedios, Lucy Jorge, Carmelita Brito, Yolanda Brito, Carmen da Rosa, Betty Sousa, Marie Figueiredo, Eliza Joannino, Dorothy Noronha, Mercedes da Rosa, Helena Sousa, Eliza Fernandes, Leonor Nunes, Masters Pun Tu, Yuen San Fat, Chan Fook Chor, Chun Fook Choi, Lam Yiu Wa, A. Shuk, Li Chok Sun, Tam Chuan Hing, Lam Ping Cheong, Ho Kai Chou, Lam Wai Yuen, Chan Hing Chow, Lam Mau Ling, Lai Shi Kit, Yuen Lam Chi, Siu Chung Yin, Kwok Wing Yue, Kan Ying Chen, Lai Kai Hong, Chu Pak Tung, Luk Shiu Fun, Tsi Kwok Fai, Wong Shun Tak, Law Tackman.

Masters T. Hargreaves, L. Crossan, C. Sorby, E. Hill, H. Tolly, Yau Koon Foon, Fook Foo Seok, Wong Wai Lun, Kwok Sik Kwan, Yee Chiu Heung, Hake Ping Kwan, Yan Chau Wong, Shum Chek Kwong, Sun Wah Hong and Ng Kee Sang.

ANTI-PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN.

A REFERENDUM PLANNED.

New York, Nov. 30.

A financial campaign for \$3,000,000 for a referendum on prohibition has been launched by the National Association Against the Volstead Act, at a dinner attended by numerous bankers and business men.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MESSAGES SENT BY TELE-PHOTO.

SERVICE BETWEEN BERLIN AND VIENNA.

ANY KIND OF WRITING.

Berlin, Nov. 30.

Telephotography is being officially inaugurated on December 1, when photos, or papers in colours, except green, blue, or mauve, may be handed to a post office for telegraphic conveyance to Vienna.

The paper to be transmitted must not exceed four inches by seven and a half, on which it is calculated that 400 printed words may be transmitted.

The original message is placed in a "picture telegraph" machine, and reproduced within a few seconds on a film receiving-apparatus in Vienna, where the film is developed and the print delivered to the addressee like a telegram.

Any kind of message is thus transmissible, for example a letter in Chinese characters. The official at the post office will not trouble to count the words in the message, but will charge the sender according to the space.—*Reuter.*

SALTS FROM THE DEAD SEA.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOT INVESTING.

London, Nov. 30.

The question was asked in the House of Commons whether in view of the value of the Dead Sea salts concession to the British Empire, the Government would take steps to ensure that control remained in British hands, or whether the Government would obtain a controlling interest by the purchase of shares.

Mr. W. Ormsby Gore, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said that it had been decided in principle to grant a concession to two persons, based on their joint option, provided that suitable terms and conditions were agreed upon with them, and that they furnished satisfactory financial guarantees. Negotiations on these points were still proceeding. There was no proposal that the Government should obtain a controlling position by the purchase of shares in any concessionary company.

The process of getting these salts, and marketing them, made the whole business experimental, and necessarily speculative, and he did not think it advisable to ask taxpayers to invest money, certainly not at this stage, in an enterprise of this kind.—*British Wireless.*

TENACITY OF GERMS PROVED.

STILL DEADLY AFTER 25 YEARS.

London, Nov. 30.

The *Evening Standard* learns that a remarkable result has followed an experiment made with deadly germs by Sir William Simpson, the director of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.

Twenty-six years ago, Sir William Simpson placed in a test tube bagli taken from a patient suffering from one of the most dreaded diseases. The tube was sealed, and for all those years has remained so. Now, Sir William Simpson has devoted his attention to discovering whether the germs are still alive.

To his astonishment, he found them to be alive. A guinea pig was inoculated with them, and after showing the well-known symptoms of the disease it died. Further work is proceeding, it being recognised that in the light of such a happening it may become necessary to revise completely the views previously held on the longevity of bacilli.

It is said the longest period recorded hitherto in which life has persisted in a culture of this kind is one year.—*British Wireless.*

OPIUM CONVENTION SIGNATURES.

VERY FEW AFFIXED SO FAR.

London, Nov. 30.

The Foreign Secretary stated in the House of Commons that besides Great Britain, only France and Poland had ratified the Geneva Opium Convention of 1925. Ratification by Great Britain covered all parts of the Empire other than Canada and the Irish Free State.—*British Wireless.*

HANKOW TUSSE.

WUHAN TROOPS MAY RETURN.

NANKING AFTER WU PEI-FU.

Hankow, Nov. 30.

General Chen Chien, who is still involved in a dispute with General Li Chung-yan over administrative posts, has strengthened his hand by the acquisition of the 8th, 35th and 36th Armies, as the result of successful negotiation with General Ho Chien, the defeated Wuhan leader.

The retiring Wuhan troops have now passed into the control of General Chen Chien and may be expected to return to Hankow.

It seems possible also that General Yang Sen will fall in alongside General Chen Chien. General Yang's delegate is now in Hankow and it is likely that a compromise will be reached.—*Naval Wireless.*

ICHANG BOYCOTT.

Now Fizzling Out.

Ichang, Nov. 30.

It is thought that the lightermen's boycott will die a natural death. It is much less serious, only one firm now being affected.—*Naval Wireless.*

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Nanking Orders Arrest.

Nanking, Nov. 30.

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INDIAN CHAUFFEUR CHARGED.

MANSLAUGHTER HEARING. FIXED.

Samli Khan, the Indian chauffeur of Mr. C. Bernard Brown's car, which was involved in an accident on November 21st, was brought before Mr. R. D. Lindsell this morning in order that a date could be fixed for the hearing of the charge of manslaughter preferred against him.

Additional charges of reckless driving and failing to report an accident were included by the police.

The defendant was this morning represented by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro.

The hearing was fixed to commence on Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

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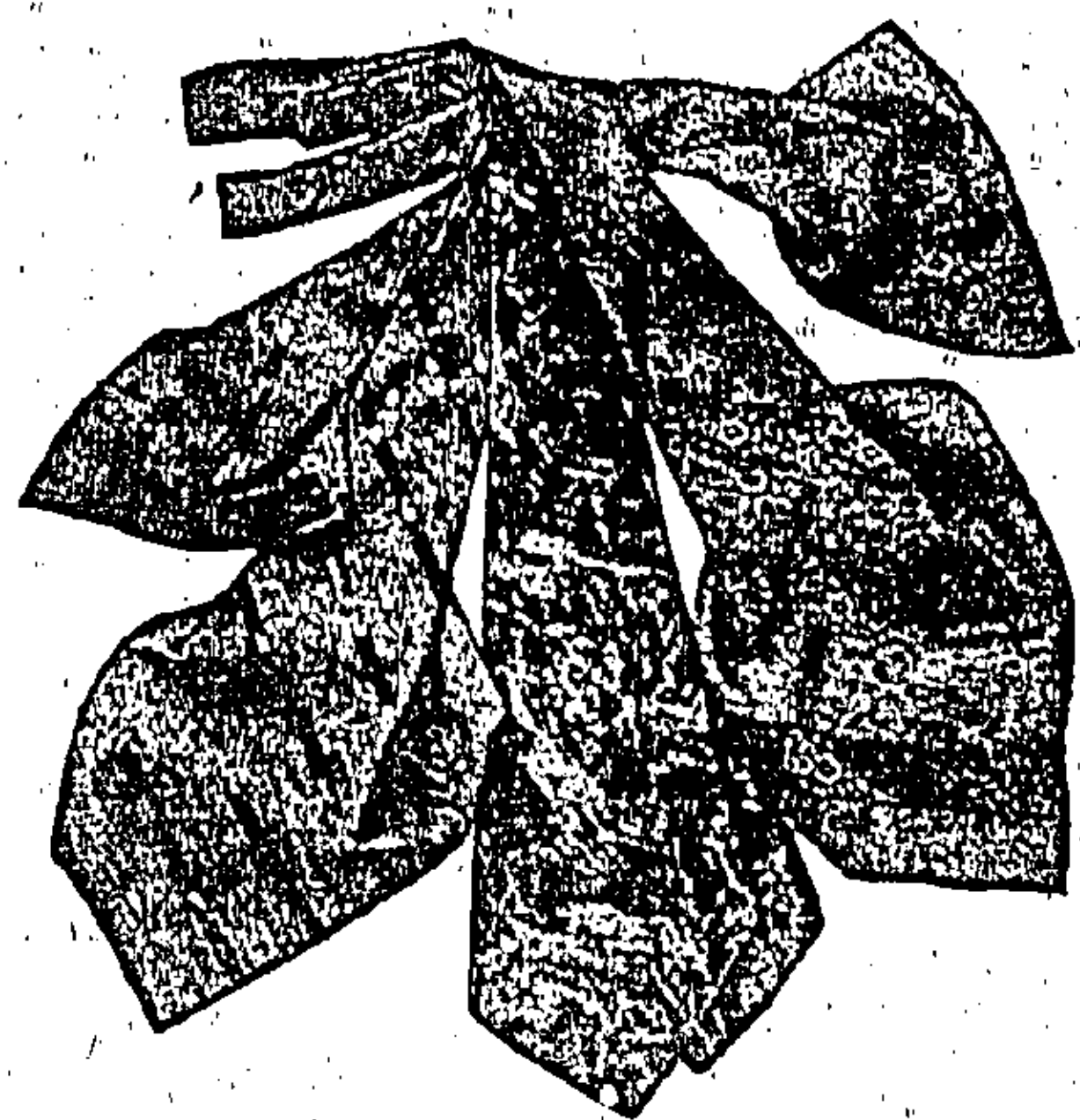
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FLOATING OF STEEL IN AIR.

ONE OF THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE.

EFFECT OF COBALT MAGNET.

A piece of steel floating unsupported in the air is one of the scientific marvels which greeted the eyes of visitors to the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company's display at the Radio World's Fair in the New Madison Square Garden, New York.

Only a thin wire, serving as an anchor to keep the steel from escaping, is attached. With that exception, the bar, which is six inches long, one-half inch wide and one-half inch thick, has absolutely no visible means of support.

The answer to the mystery is spelled by the word "magnetism." Below the floating bar is a companion piece of steel of similar size and composition, and the two bars, magnetized with like poles opposite, are held apart by the magnetic repulsion between them, which exceeds the force of gravity.

The materials used is cobalt steel alloyed with tungsten, which, according to Westinghouse engineers, forms the strongest permanent magnet known. The alloy was developed by Dr. P. H. Brace, Westinghouse research engineer, after months of experimentation in the laboratory.

The new alloy is so highly magnetized that, when used as horseshoe magnet, it will lift a bar thirty times its own weight, representing a strength five times that of the ordinary magnet, according to Dr. Brace. In addition, the alloy clings tenaciously to its magnetic power and will not lose it.

Cobalt steel such as is used is relatively expensive. It will be used only where performance is worth more than price, as in delicate meters, fine phonographs and such precise machines as the Westinghouse oscillograph or "Osico."

The total amount paid into the Hongkong Treasury during 1926 in respect of land sales, extensions, grants, etc., was \$325,569, compared with \$581,160 in 1925 and \$1,950,812 in 1924.

COST OF SINGAPORE DEFENCE.

PROVISION FOR AN AIR FORCE.

London, Nov. 30.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman said that \$7,750,000 was the estimated cost of developing the naval base at Singapore.

This did not include the cost of the military and air defence of Singapore.

It is understood that the latter is still being considered, but anyhow it is a question for the War Office and Air Ministry.—*Reuter*.

PALESTINE LOAN A SUCCESS.

QUICKLY OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

London, Nov. 30.

The subscription list of the Palestine Government loan of \$4,475,000, bearing interest at five per cent. and offered at \$100½ per cent., was opened this morning, and closed in about two hours.

It is understood the loan has been many times over-subscribed. The principal and interest are guaranteed by the British Treasury.

Part of the money will be spent on construction of a harbour at Haifa, improvements and public works. Of the remainder, \$1,000,000 will be paid to the British Government for railway and other assets, which have been taken over, and the balance will go in defraying the cost of the loan and repaying the money temporarily advanced.—*British Wireless*.

The tomb of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, which was erected in 1920 on the south side of the High Altar in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, has been unveiled. The tomb remained empty until last Easter, when the coffins containing the bodies of their Majesties were transferred there, and a recumbent figure of Queen Alexandra placed alongside that of King Edward. When the coffins were placed in the tomb the monument was draped with a Royal Standard, and by command of the King this has now been removed. The sculptured figures, which are of Carrara marble, are in the robes of State. The tomb, which was designed and executed by Sir Bertram Mackennal, is composed of various marbles with bronze panels and figures.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS REGISTERED.

A HAPPY GATHERING.

As anticipated, the traditions of the past were worthily upheld at St. Andrew's Ball last night, when the Scottish community dispensed characteristic hospitality to the rest of the Colony. The thoroughness of the preliminary arrangements was made evident from the fact that everything went with a delightful swing from start to finish. A happy atmosphere of camaraderie permeated the whole proceedings, and so greatly did the numerous guests enjoy themselves that a large number stayed on until the final dance in the small hours of this morning.

The decorations have already been described in the *Telegraph*, but it should be added that they presented a most striking effect under the blaze of artificial lights and illuminations. This year, Highland garb was more in evidence than on former occasions, and, with the charming gowns worn by the ladies and the bright uniforms of naval and military officers, there was an extremely colourful scene when dancing was in full swing. The Scottish dances were exceptionally well done, especially the reels—a fact which testified to the value of the formation of the new Reel Club.

His Excellency Arrives.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern), who was accompanied by Mrs. Southern, arrived in good time for the opening of the Ball and was received in the Baronial Hall by the Chiefstain (Mr. D. Templeton) and members of the Committee.

Headed by the Pipe Band of the K. O. S. B. Regiment, playing "The Road to the Isles," the official party proceeded upstairs. On arrival in St. George's Hall, the National Anthem was struck up, after which the Chiefstain conducted His Excellency and party to the dais.

The Supper.

After the eighth dance, the Official Party proceeded to supper, headed by the K. O. S. B. Pipes. Subsequent to the honouring of the toast of "The King," the Haggis was brought in with due ceremonial. It was carried by Mr. Alastair MacKenzie, followed by Mr. George Duncan, M.B.E., with the "Barley Bree," and headed by Pipe Sergeant P. D. Wilson playing "Brose and Butter."

The Haggis having been placed in front of the Chiefstain, the latter gave Mr. MacKenzie and Pipe Sergeant Wilson a dram from the quack, later taking a dram himself and handing another to H. E. the Officer Administering the Government. Then Mr. George Duncan supplied each gentleman guest with a dram.

Chiefstain's Speech.

Later during supper, the Chiefstain rose and addressed the gathering as follows:

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen.—In the name of the Members of St. Andrew's Society Hongkong, and on their behalf I offer a hearty Scottish welcome to you, our friends, who have honoured us by your presence to-night and I express our appreciation for your continued interest in our Saint's Day Celebration, which celebration has become a hardy annual, marking as it does, the opening of the Hongkong Social Season.

We trust you will have full enjoyment and find the realisation fully equal to the anticipation.

As the years roll on (since 1881 as you may have observed on entry) it is becoming increasingly difficult to find subject matter for an address, as subject matter suitable to the occasion is getting a bit threadbare—resulting as it must in vain repetition somewhat boring to the listeners.

This does not seem an opportune time for speeches, those who have supped desire to dance and those who have been dancing desire to sup and in addition the delivery of a speech is, to me, a nightmare.

Therefore to avoid boredom I am introducing an innovation at this gathering and in the place of a speech I desire to give you a Toast which I trust will be received with enthusiasm and honoured with enthusiasm by all.

"The Land of Brown Heath and Shaggy Wood,"
"The Land of the Mountain and the Flood,"
"The Land of our Sires,"
"Scotland," "The Land we love."

Greetings Afield.

Telegrams received and read were as follows:
"Heartiest greetings frae Brithers Scots."—Bangkok, Ipoh, Kobe, Calcutta, Rangoon, Cebu, Sandakan, Sharnen, Penang, Seremban,

LOCAL CRICKET.

AIRMEN DEFEAT SCHOOL TEAM.

The R. A. F. (Cameron Road) played a return match with the Diocesan Boys' School, at Happy Valley, yesterday and took their revenge in winning by 10 runs. For the R.A.F., French took 4 wickets for 21 runs and Grist took 5 for 26. A. T. Lee was the only boy who got going with the bat and he knocked up a meritorious 44. The R.A.F. score would have been much larger but for the excellent fielding of the school. Scores:

R. A. F.

Roe, b. A. T. Lee 2
Morin, b. Anderson 9
Sinnock, c. Kwan, b. R. Lee 12
Lucas, run out 1
Grist, c. Fisher, b. R. Lee 1
Dudman, run out 20
Wolsh, b. Anderson 6
Waller, b. Anderson 1
Plunkett, st. Fisher, b. Anderson 17
French, c. G. Lee, b. Kwan 2
Rowe, not out 1
Extras 5

Total 77

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
A. T. Lee 9 1 24 1
Anderson 7.2 3 19 4
R. Lee 3 1 2 2
Kwan 7 1 24 1

Diocesan Boys' School.

D. J. N. Anderson, b. French 4
W. H. Kwan, b. French 5
J. L. Young Saye, l.b.w., French 0
F. R. Zimmern, b. French 0
A. T. Lee, b. Grist 44
F. K. Lee, b. French 0
A. S. A. Kyum, b. Grist 0
J. A. Fisher, b. Sinnock 1
R. Lee, b. Grist 6
A. Prata, not out 3
G. A. Lee, b. Grist 1
Extras 3

Total 67

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Singapore, Iloilo, Yokohama, Tokyo, Malacca.

Amoy.—"Lang may ye flourish."
Zamboanga.—"Greetings may rafters dire."
Manila.—"Heartiest greetings tae one and a'!"
Peking.—St. Andrew's Society send cordial greetings Brithers Scots."

Tientsin.—"Lang may yer lums reek."

Soerabaya.—"Greetings," Murray and Ross.

Shanghai.—"Scotland for ever."

W. Nicholson.—"Here tae ye."

Dr. Black.—"Greetings."

J. Reid.—"Heartiest greetings."

A. O. Lang.—"Heartiest good wishes."

McCubbin and Kinnaird.—"Heartiest greetings Brother Scots."

Lord Ellbank.—"Brother Scots s/s Morea Greetings."

Sneddon.—"A' Brithers Scots send hearty greetings Scotland for ever."

Dyer.—"A good St. Andrew's day to you David."

Carmichael Worthing.—"Greetings from Brother Scots, Worthing."

Batavia.—"Greetings frae Brithers Scots."

Foochow.—"Brithers Scots at Foochow heartily reciprocate greetings."

Telegrams were sent to the following ports:—"Here's a hearty frae Hongkong Brithers Scots" Templeton Chiefstain.

Negri Sembilan Sandakan Canton

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Manilla Soerabaya

Cebu Aden

Mambua (Seremban)

Amoy Kobe

Chefoo Yokohama

Nagasaki

Enjoyable Dancing.

Later, the Official Party was piped back to the Hall, and dancing was kept up until the early hours of the morning. The floors were in excellent condition, and, as they were not quite so crowded as on many previous occasions, the dancing was greatly enjoyed.

A word of praise is due to the hard-working Joint Hon. Secretaries, Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden, as well as the members of the various Committees, for the general excellence of the arrangements.

ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS.

ALDERSHOT ELIMINATES Q. P. R.

NO DRAWN GAMES.

London, Nov. 30.
The replayed matches in the first round of the Football Association Cup resulted as follows:

Watford 1 Brighton 2
Luton 9 Clapton 0
Bolwell Mission 3 Peterborough 4
Aldershot 2 Queen's 1
Charlton 2 Merthyr 1
Bournemouth 2 Coventry 0
Wrexham 4 Durham 0
Ashington 0 Crewe 2

Second round draws affecting winners in the above matches are as follows:

Crewe v. Stockport.
Wrexham v. Carlisle.
Bournemouth v. Bristol Rovers.
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Peterborough v. Aldershot.
Northampton v. Brighton.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 3rd.) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 3rd:—

DIVISION I.

Cardiff v. Aston Villa.
Huddersfield v. Arsenal.
Wednesday v. West Ham.

DIVISION II.

Bristol City v. Manchester C.
Notts County v. Swansea.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Brentford v. Plymouth.
Brighton v. Charlton.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Chesterfield v. Hartlepool.
Durham v. New Brighton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v. Airdries.
Celtic v. Motherwell.
Cowdenbeath v. St. Johnstone.

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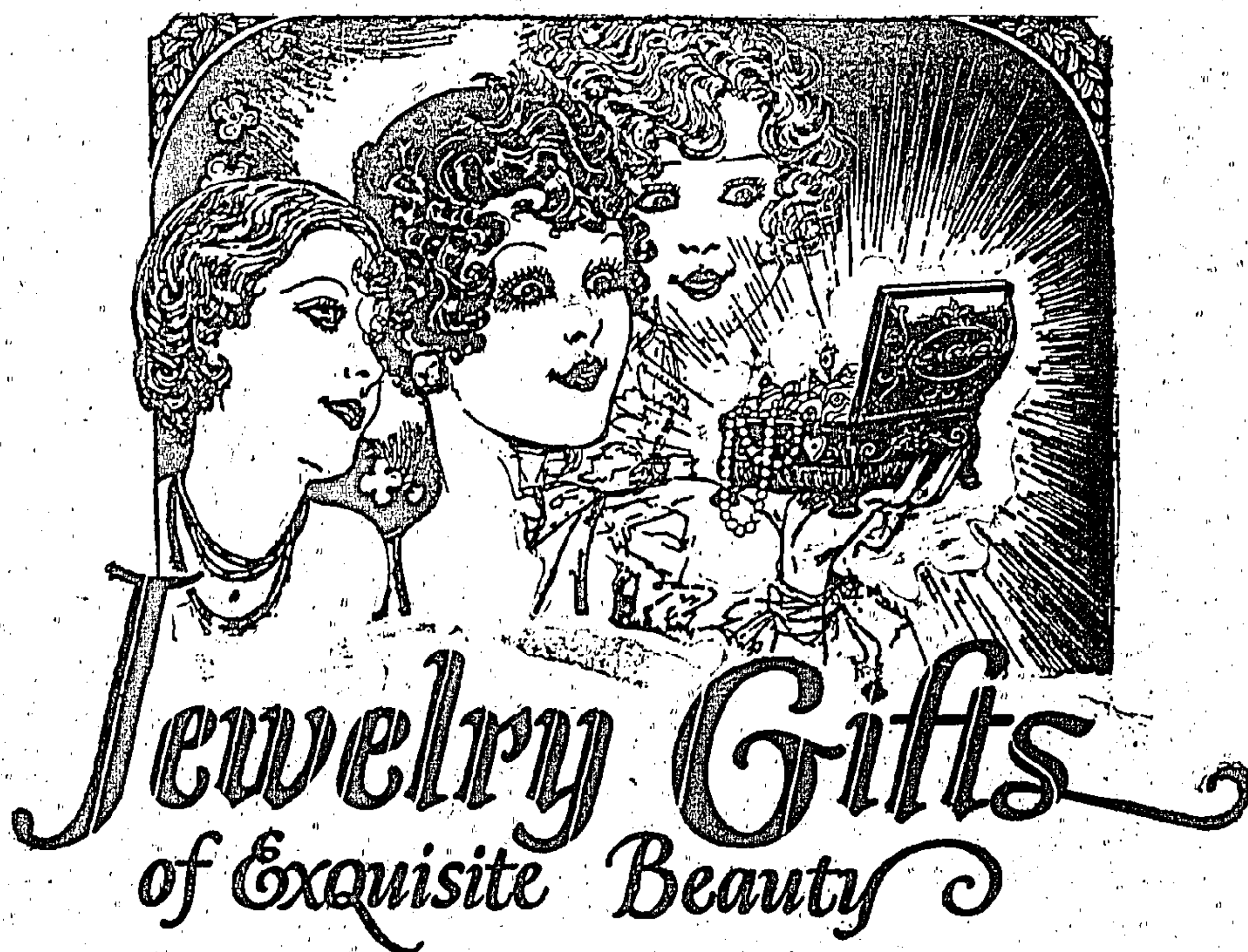
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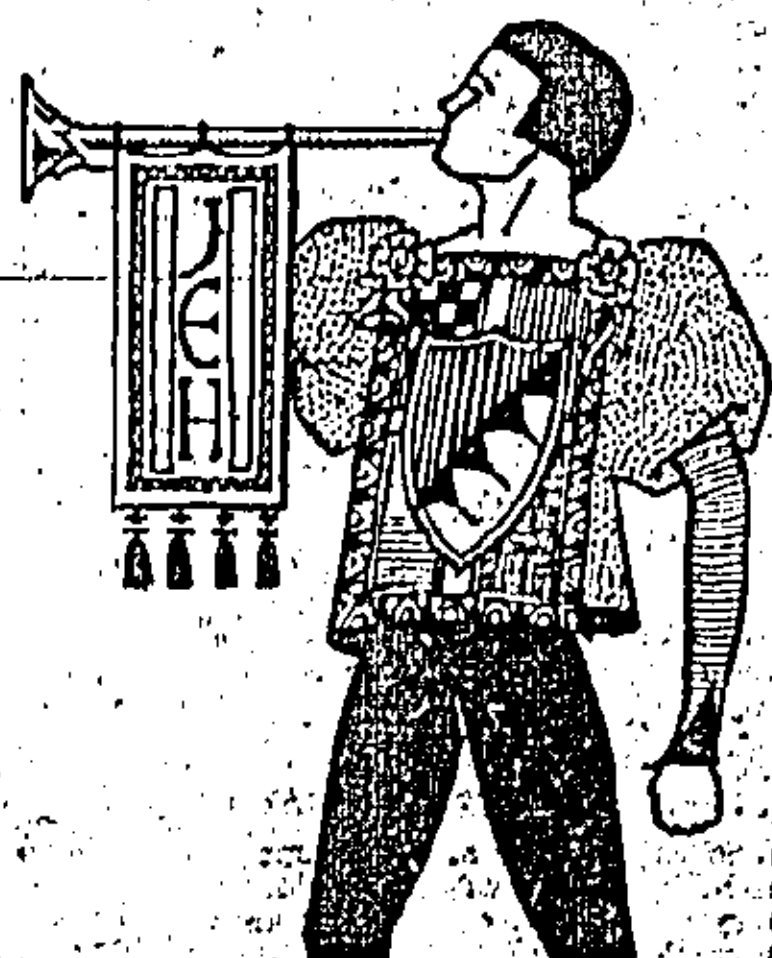
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AQUARIUM FOR COLOMBO.

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE TO REPORT.

Government has decided to ap-
point a Committee to report on the
desirability of having an aquarium
in Colombo. The Committee is
also expected to go into the details
of the scheme and submit estimates
to Government.

Government is in favour of the
establishment of an aquarium, and
there is little doubt that one will
be established in the very near
future.

The initial scheme is estimated
to cost about Rs. 150,000, although
the complete scheme will involve
a further expenditure of another
lakh of rupees.

The proposal for the establish-
ment of an aquarium was made to
Government by Dr. J. Pearson, the
Director of the Colombo Museum,
as far back as 1911, and his efforts
in this direction have largely been
responsible for the definite step
which Government proposes to
take in this matter.

Very Useful Purpose.

Dr. Pearson, interviewed on this
subject, stated that in his own
opinion, the aquarium should be
situated within the Municipal
limits, in a place easily accessible
to the public and the passengers
passing through Colombo.

The aquarium will, it is expected,
apart from serving a very
useful purpose from the educational
and aesthetic point of view, be
a source of revenue to Government.

A fee of about Re. 1 is to be
charged from passengers, and a
lesser fee from those resident in
Ceylon. On one day in the week
admission will be free to enable
poor people to visit the aquarium.

A marine laboratory is to be
attached to facilitate scientific
research work.

The aquarium will very likely be
a separate department under an
experienced officer.

Speaking of the advantages of
an aquarium, Dr. Pearson said,
that it would greatly help the
Marine Biologist to conduct re-
search work.

Much information regarding
breeding habits and spawning
periods of fishes and oysters can
be gathered by means of an
aquarium.

The Ceylon Company of Pearl
Fishers had this in mind when
they erected two tanks at Marich-
chukkadi with a view to following
out the life history of the pearl
oyster.

250,000 Visitors Annually.

It would be comparatively simple
to transport living pearl oysters
to Colombo and to keep them under
observation in an aquarium.

Dr. Pearson remarked that there
would be few places in the world
better suited for an aquarium
than Colombo, standing as it does
within easy access of particularly
rich marine fauna and in the line
of one of the most important trade
routes in the world. Nearly 250-
000 passengers pass through Co-
lombo annually.

The type of building required
for an aquarium is simple in struc-
ture and inexpensive, and the up-
keep is remarkable light.

ASTOUNDING THEFT AT TIENTSIN.

CHINESE RACE CLUB LOSES
\$14,601.

An extraordinary occurrence took
place at Tientsin on Sunday,
November 13, which has caused the
Chinese Race Club to lose a large
sum of money.

About 7 o'clock in the evening,
after the day's racing, an employee
of the Race Club, named Kiang
I-min, was sent to the banking
house of the Young Brothers Bank-
ing Corporation, 55 Rue de France,
to deposit there a sum of \$14,601.
It was out of banking hours but the
bank was specially opened to receive
this money.

Kiang I-min was accompanied by
several other employees of the
Chinese Race Club, but himself
carried the money in cash and
banknotes. He entered the front
door of the bank, followed by the
other men. Apparently about eight
or ten men thus entered the bank
and for a minute or two there was
general conversation until suddenly
there fell a dead silence and it
was realized that Kiang and the
money were missing.

A hue and cry was immediately
raised, but no trace has since been
seen of the man or the dollars.

Kiang is 29 years of age, of
smart appearance and is said to be
a Tientsin man. The French Police
are actively following up the mat-
ter, but there is no definite clue
at present to go on, as Kiang vanished
seemingly into thin air.

There are other doors in the bank
building communicating with the
front room, used as the banking
hall. It is thought that he slipped
out of one of these and in some way
out of the premises during a brief
moment when no one was looking in
his direction.—P. and T. Times.

SOCONY MANAGER ASSAULTED.

HOUSEBOAT LOOTED ON POYANG LAKE.

An extremely unpleasant inci-
dent has just occurred on the Po-
yang Lake, where Mr. Mead, the
local manager of the Standard Oil
Co., was attacked by bandits, says
a Klukiang message of the 21st
instant.

He was on his way to Jaochow
in a house-boat towed by a small
motor boat. After leaving Chu-
paoshan five small native junks,
each carrying some ten men armed
with pistols, suddenly approached
and opened fire on the crew
of the motor boat.

The engineer was shot through
the leg, but mercifully no one else
was hit. The bandits then came
alongside and boarded the house-
boat. They seized the native boy
and inspector and bound them and
then they proceeded to beat Mr.
Mead with bamboo poles, the while
demanding to know where he had
hidden his money.

They were told there was no
money on board, at which they
were very indignant and searched
and looted the two craft
thoroughly. They got away with
a few dollars, some clothing and
the foreigner's wrist watch and
all his food. They then smashed
the motor-boat's engine and threw
it overboard.

The bandits looked like ordinary
country people and were obviously
new at the game, otherwise all
local Chinese believe the victims
would have been carried off for
ransom.

Some hours after a native
launch happened to pass and
agreed for a large consideration
to tow the derelict houseboat and
its outraged occupants back to
Klukiang.

THE OPIUM EVIL IN CHINA.

PETITION FOR SUPPRESSION.

After months of deliberation, the
National Anti-Opium Association
of China has drafted a detailed
petition in regard to the existing
opium policy to the Nanking
Government and the Central Execu-
tive of the Kuomintang. A gist
of it follows:

1.—The cultivation of the poppy,
the consumption and sale of, and
the traffic in opium and other nar-
cotics should be totally prohibited.
No compromise in whatever form
should be allowed.

2.—Whatever income arises from
opium suppression must be entire-
ly used for establishing anti-opium
hospitals and extending anti-opium
education. No opium taxes should
be collected.

3.—Since the Opium Suppression
Bureau aims not at collecting taxes,
it should belong to the Ministry of
Home Affairs; it should not be
under that of Finance.

4.—Foreign narcotics being more
noxious than opium should be simu-
laneously prohibited. Offenders
should receive the heaviest penalty.

5.—Officers under the Nationalist
Government civil or military who
are found to be in any way con-
nected with the traffic in opium and
other narcotics should all receive
the death penalty.

It was agreed that the petition
embodying these principles and
comments on the existing opium
prohibition regulations of the Na-
tionalist Government should be sent
to the meeting of the Central Exe-
cutive of the Kuomintang as soon
as it is in session and at the same
time to all authorities of the Na-
tionalist Government.

JAPAN'S "OUTCASTS" PROBLEM.

SOLDIER TRIES TO PETITION EMPEROR.

Tokyo, Nov. 22.

The authorities have lifted the
censorship ban on an incident that
occurred at Nagoya on November
19, when a private soldier attempt-
ed a direct appeal to the Emperor,
who was reviewing the troops after
the grand manoeuvres.

The soldier, who is a member of
"eta" or outcast class, stepped from
the line when the Emperor was
passing and with a written appeal
in his hands, knelt and attempted
to attract His Imperial Majesty's
attention. He was immediately ar-
rested.

It is understood that the Em-
peror's attention was directed else-
where at moment and so the inci-
dent escaped his notice.

The soldier's plea was for the
Emperor's intervention for better
treatment of the outcast class.

All the officers of the regiment
concerned immediately sent in their
resignations but these have been
declined. It is expected that the
soldier will be given a year's impris-
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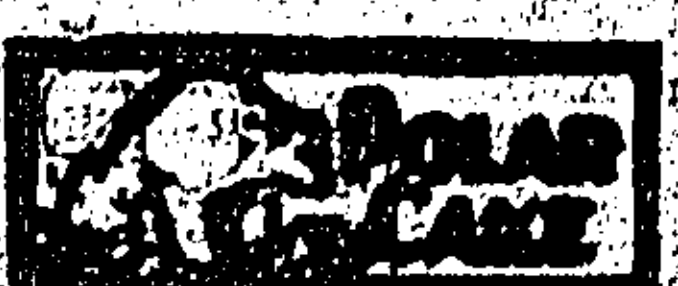
HOPE FOR LEPERS.

NEW CURATIVE METHOD.

New York, Nov. 22.

Half of the world's 2,000,000
lepers may be healed in a decade
and leprosy may be practically
wiped out in a generation, William
Danner, secretary of the American
Mission to Lepers, told the New
York Presbyterian Ministers'
Association here to-day.

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THE HOUSE OF SIN.

By ALLEN UPWARD.
(Author of "The Yellow Hand,"
"The Ordeal of Fire," etc.)

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS.

DR. TARLETON, a criminologist. He takes over a murder case at the request of the **DUKE OF ALTRINGHAM**, who wants the affair hushed up. Body of victim is unrecognised.

CAPTAIN THEOBALD, of Nizari, is suspected, because of arrows found in his hand.

LADY ROSA, daughter of the Duke, his fiancée. A photograph of the dead man is found concealed in her room.

LADY AGATHA, an Anglican nun, her sister, who condemns the place as a "House of Sin."

BURROWS, a steward.

CHAPTER X.

The investigator surveyed the group, while they awaited the missing member of the household. Meanwhile, a general spirit of silence and gloom pervaded the table. Four of those present knew that a fearful crime had been committed within a few yards of where they sat, scarcely twelve hours before, and the fifth, if she were innocent of that knowledge, soon became uncomfortably aware from the manner of the rest that all was not well.

Perhaps the most awkwardly situated of the party was Captain Theobald. Every minute when he thought the doctor was not observing him his eyes turned towards his betrothed with an anxious scrutiny, but as soon as he was conscious of Tarleton's notice he hurriedly bent his eyes downwards on his plate, as though fearful lest his anxiety should be misunderstood.

At last the Lady Rosa remarked on his curious demeanour.

"What is the matter, Fred?" she challenged him lightly. "Has Dr. Tarleton told you that I am sickening for some fatal disease?"

Her father gave her a sombre glance, and then turned a frowning look on his prospective son-in-law. Captain Theobald flushed violently, and dropped his knife on the floor.

"I am not quite myself this morning, I think," he murmured, as one of the footmen hastened to pick up the fallen knife, and another stepped forward with a clean one to replace it. "Perhaps I had better take a little brandy, George."

The butler went to the sideboard and filled a liqueur glass with affectionate care.

Again the Duke of Altringham became observant of the investigator's face. But Dr. Tarleton seemed oblivious of all that was going on at the table. He had laid down his knife and fork, taken out his watch, and sat swinging it slowly, as if he had no other pre-occupation in the world.

It was a relief to everyone when the meal was over. As they all rose from the table Tarleton observed the young officer go up to his sweetheart and address her in a low voice. They quitted the room together, followed by Lady Agatha, with the same wistful expression on her face which the observer had witnessed once before.

The specialist accompanied his host back to the library, where the lady's maid had been summoned to attend them.

Mademoiselle Pregut, called on a second time to produce her key, took precisely the line which Tarleton had foretold. She was amiable; she was fluent. She had not used the latchkey—oh, not for an age! She had put it away—oh, how carefully, in a drawer of her bureau! And now she had searched, oh, so thoroughly, and been unable to find it! One of the lower servants must have been rummaging among her things with detestable curiosity, and "carried off the key."

All this was rendered more plausible by mademoiselle's indignation. She was astonished, she was horrified, at such happenings. Never had it occurred to her before. Always she had lived with honest people. Wickedness in any shape was a thing of which she had no conception. It distressed her; it made her weep. If it were not for her devotion to Madame the Duchess she would have requested permission to depart that very day.

And she did weep, plentifully but gracefully, and with due regard to the artificial components of her complexion which moisture might disarrange.

"Well, doctor?" queried his Grace, as soon as the French woman had wept herself out of the room.

The investigator was again consulting his magical timepiece.

"I'm afraid it will be necessary for me to put some questions to the Duchess about this woman," was his reply.

The Duke of Altringham drew himself up frowning. "Dr. Tarle-

ton, I must request you to draw the line somewhere. I cannot allow her Grace to be annoyed. I don't wish her even to hear of this unhappy business if it can possibly be helped."

"But surely, Duke, you cannot feel satisfied that this woman is a fit companion for her Grace until this matter is cleared up. Do you know anything about her previous career?"

"I really can't see what you are driving at, sir. You suggested before lunch that she had parted with this key for a bribe—not a very heinous offence if she were ignorant what use was to be made of it. The Duchess must have had good references when she engaged her, you may be sure."

"It doesn't strike me as a very serious thing for me to put a few questions to her Grace," the expert persisted quietly. "There is another matter about which I want information. I should like to know on what grounds Montacute was forbidden your house?"

"I can answer that question," the Duke responded quickly. "My wife, with her woman's insight, saw what I had stupidly failed to notice, that he was aiming to marry my daughter Rosa."

"Was there anything disgraceful in that?"

"It was an insolent presumption. An actor—an adventurer whose name was probably assumed, to expect to marry into the house of Fitz Charles."

"I must apologise, but if I remember rightly dukes of royal descent have married actresses before now," suggested Tarleton.

He was taken aback by the wrath with which this retort was received.

"Is that an allusion to her Grace, sir?"

"Certainly not, Duke. I had not the faintest idea that her Grace had ever been on the stage."

The Duke's tone became milder. "She joined a film-producing company for a short time. In fact, my first introduction to her was through seeing her face on the screen."

The specialist stared at him in consternation. But his own resolution was swiftly taken. If the man before him had been mad enough to marry at the age of fifty, an unknown woman whose photograph had caught his fancy in a picture-show, it was clearly dangerous to confide in him.

An infuriated husband would be incapable of keeping anything from his wife which she wished to know. And Tarleton felt that it had become absolutely necessary for him to interview the Duchess herself before going very much further. Already the unseen figure of her Grace had become palpable to his mind as an element in the situation. It was she who had forbidden the murdered man to court her step-daughter. It was her cousin who had replaced him in that step-daughter's affections. It was from her maid that the victim had obtained his weapon, and it was from her maid that the victim had obtained the means of secretly entering the house. Last of all, the notice to the maid that the key was being inquired for had been followed immediately by the seclusion of the Duchess from the investigator's observation.

Dr. Tarleton affected to consult his watch in earnest, and then rose to his feet.

"Very well, sir," he said. "I don't think there is anything more for me to do here before the inquest."

His Grace's features grew clouded again. "You are not going to the police?" he demanded.

The expert shrugged his shoulders. "I can wait another twenty-four hours, if you make a point of it, but that must be the extreme limit."

"But—couldn't you make a private report to the Home Secretary?"

"Well, I see no objection to that if you prefer it. But I assure you it will make no difference."

"I should infinitely prefer it, doctor," his Grace fumbled for his pocket-book. "Is it too soon to mention an honorarium for your attendance?"

The specialist drew back, shaking his head. "Very much too soon, I am obliged to you. I don't yet know whether I must consider myself as acting on your behalf or the law's."

Dr. Tarleton bowed himself out, leaving his noble client speechless. But though he left Trafford House he did not quit his investigation. On the contrary, he was bent in search of certain information which he no longer thought it prudent to try to extract from his Grace of Altringham or the members of his household. And his search was not altogether in vain.

It was with a startling new light on the mystery that the specialist presented himself at the front door

"POTIPHAR'S WIFE" IN PARIS.

TROUBLE OVER AMENDED PRODUCTION.

Paris, Nov. 3. "Potiphar's Wife," the play by Mr. Edgar Middleton, which has attracted all London to the Savoy Theatre and which has drawn crowded houses to the Theatre Albert Premier in Paris, where Mr. Edward Stirling and an English company of players have been giving it for several weeks past, is likely to be more discussed than ever owing to an incident which has arisen between Mr. Stirling and Mr. Middleton.

Mr. Middleton has sent to the English players in Paris an entirely new ending to the play. In this version the play ends with the lady, whose final expression is: "You brute! Kiss me!"

In his letter to Mr. Stirling Mr. Middleton stated that the end of the play as given at the Savoy Theatre, London, and which is being given in Paris, is not the ending which he intended for the play, but one which was forced upon him by the censor. He added: "This question of hypocrisy and morality which pervades England to-day does not arise in Paris," and he further asks that "my original ending, and not the censor's version, shall be used."

To this Mr. Stirling has wired a reply that he cannot consent to alter the ending. Mr. Middleton has answered stating that he forbids further performances without the new ending, and will take legal action.

Meanwhile the English players are continuing to give "Potiphar's Wife" with the Savoy Theatre ending.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

CHART TO MEASURE CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR.

GRADUAL TRAINING.

Dr. Thomas D. Wood, professor of health education in the Teachers College of Columbia University, and Marion Lerrigo have developed a scale for determining whether the behaviour of a child in relation to its health is normal and similar to the behaviour of other children of its age.

The scales also permit a decision relative to the child's success in health understanding from year to year. Safety habits should naturally have been established by the time boys and girls have completed the sixth grade. Certainly the child should understand early in life the importance of sleep and rest, of proper diet, of fresh air and sunshine, of cleanliness, of the care of the teeth, the ears and the eyes.

As a child grows older, it will have to consider the problems of temperance in relation to stimulants of all kinds and perhaps learn something about first-aid and home nursing. In developing these functions in the child, both the school and the home will have a significant part.

The distinguished educators feel that a child should, before it enters kindergarten, have learned to drink a quart of milk daily in addition to other foods, to drink water several times daily, to eat its regular times, to eat slowly and chew food well; to wash the hands before eating, to use only an individual drinking cup or bubbling fountain, and not to exchange food with other children, or eat it after picking it up from the ground, the floor or the street.

It should expect to eat what is set before it without fussing, and to expect to have set before it only the things that are known as good foods for children.

A healthful child knows at this time how to play with other children and is willing to take turns in games of all kinds. It can stand erect, sit straight, use the feet alternately in going up and down stairs, throw and catch a ball, lift, carry or pile blocks, carry a small pail of water without spilling, and play happily. It should not be afraid to sleep in the dark and should know the importance of having the windows open.

If its mentality is right, it will be relatively obedient to its parents, attend to its bodily functions with out undue curiosity or handling and be considerate toward babies, pets and weaker living things. It will have enough of a vocabulary to express its needs.

QUEUE FOR MURDER TRIAL.

WOMEN'S CLOTHES TORN IN WILD RUSH.

Ottawa, Nov. 3. The trial of Earle Nelson, the alleged "gorilla man," who is suspected of having murdered by strangling 22 women and girls in the United States and Canada, is expected to conclude on Saturday.

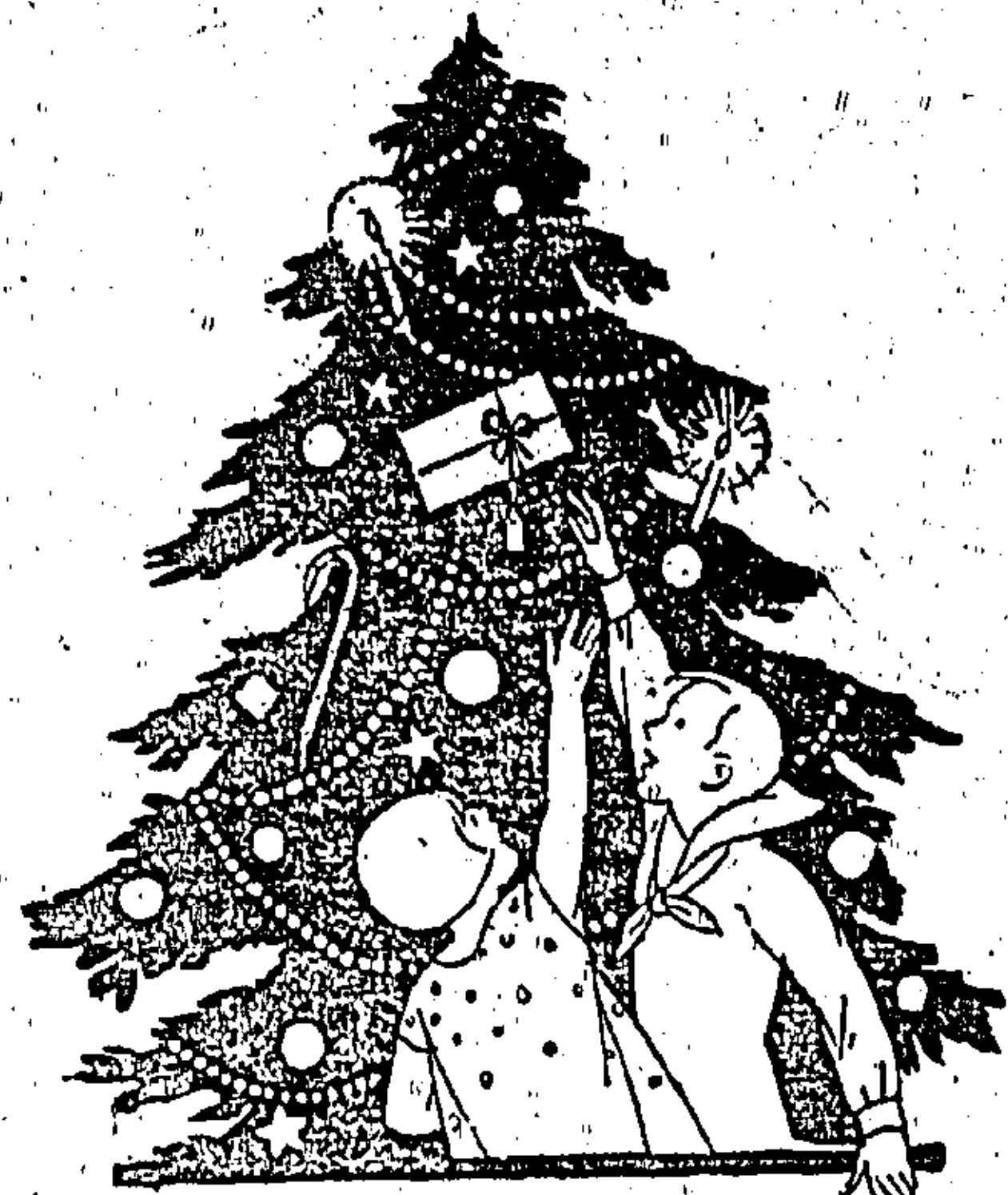
The charges on which he is at present standing his trial here concern the deaths by strangling of an Irishwoman, Mrs. Emily Patterson, who had only just arrived in Canada, and a flower girl named Lola Cowan, 16 years old.

Twenty witnesses for the prosecution were examined yesterday, and there are 20 more. There will be few witnesses for the defence—possibly only the wife, aunt, and cousin of the prisoner. He has not seen any of these since their arrival in Winnipeg, and they have not attended the court. The defence is a plea of insanity.

The husband of the murdered Mrs. Patterson presented a pathetic figure in the witness-stand, and striking evidence was given by the landlady, Mrs. Hill, and boarders at the Winnipeg lodging-house where Nelson stayed last June, and where the dead body of the girl Cowan was found pushed under a bed.

The prisoner laughs each morning when the court room door opens and frenzied women rush in in hundreds, tearing their dresses, crushing hats, and ripping stockings in their desire to hear the evidence. The line-up of spectators starts before six o'clock in the morning, five hours before the court opens.

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Mercantile A. & B., \$304 n.
P. and O., \$110 n.
East Asia, \$62 n.

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Union Ins., \$2931 s.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 s.
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H. K. Fire Ins., \$600 b.

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Kallans, 63/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 182 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.00 s.
Raubas, \$37 b.
Tronohs, 19/3 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$122 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
China Providents, \$4 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 157 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.

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Oriental, Tls. 2 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 48 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$6.55 b.
H. K. Lands, \$57 s.
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Realtys, \$740 s.
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Princes Bldgs, \$20 b.

Public Utilities.

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Singapore Traction, 12/9 n.

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Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$193 s.
Constructions, \$12 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$541 b.
H. K. G. Loan, 31% Prem.

HONGKONG SURVEY WORK.

MUCH DONE IN 1926.

In his report for 1926, the Director of Public Works says the staff of the Survey Office has to a large extent been concentrated on Ordinance-Survey work.

The survey of the whole of the City of Victoria has now been completed, and during the year 358 acres have been surveyed and 380 acres plotted, the chainage totalling more than 52 miles. Seven sheets have been reduced from a scale of 50 feet to one inch to a scale of 200 feet to one inch. Considerable revision, owing to numerous road improvements, erection of new buildings and reconstruction has yet to be carried out but it is hoped that this will be practically completed during 1927.

A number of traverses were run outside the city to enable the detailed work to be carried on in the outlying districts. One traverse with a chainage of 3,350 feet was run from Mount Nicholson via Wong Nei Chong Gap to join up with a main traverse at the junction of Bowen Road and Stubbs Road, and from a station in this traverse at Wong Nei Chong Gap a traverse of 9,866 feet feet was made along the new Repulse Bay Road to a Trigonometrical station at the junction of this road with the Aberdeen-Repulse Bay Road.

Mount Gough Trigonometrical station was connected with the Peak Trigonometrical station by a traverse of 8,965 feet, and various minor traverses were run in connection with the revision survey of the Peak District.

In Kowloon, during the period under review, 410 acres were surveyed of which 388 acres were plotted. Traverses were laid down and permanent marks fixed, the total length of the traverses being 53 miles.

MILITARY LANDS.

SOME INTERESTING EXCHANGE.

In the report of the Director of Public Works, for 1926, it is stated that a total area of 6,632 square feet was taken over from Military Authorities for widening Garden Road.

An area of 220 square feet was surrendered by the Naval Authorities for a public purpose.

An area of 327,387 square feet known as part of the Belcher's Battery was, however, transferred back to the Military Authorities.

of the ducal mansion early the next morning. To his surprise the footman ushered him into the steward's room, where he found the reticent Burrows looking more respectable and secretive than ever.

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(To Be Continued)

"DANCING MOTHERS."

SOCIETY LOVE DRAMA AT THE STAR.

The new picture at the Star Theatre to-day is "Dancing Mothers." According to the story, one night, while dancing with her youthful fiancée, Kenneth Cob, Kittens Westcourt started to flirt with Jerry Naughton, an understanding bachelor. Of course Kenneth became irritated, and the more she showed his annoyance, the more she continued. In despair, Kenneth appealed to Mrs. Westcourt for help, and she set out to check-mate the persistent bachelor. But on meeting him, she, too, fell deeply in love, and he with her. What happened? Did the daughter just resign or did she stay to contest her mother? How did the father take it? Did he try to bring his family together? "Dancing Mothers" is an adaptation of the stage success of the same name. Conway Tearle, Alice Joyce and Clara Bow are starred as the bachelor, the mother, and the daughter, respectively.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is one solution to the puzzle on another page.

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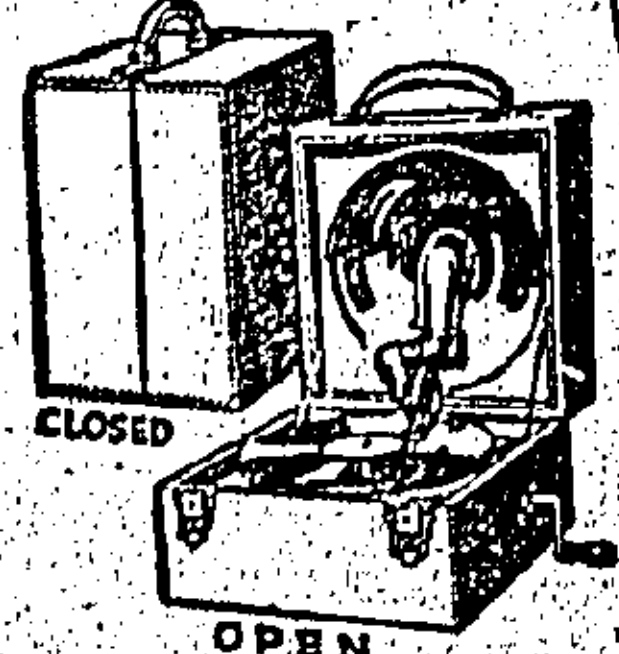
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THE PRESS GANG.

ACTIVITY IN KIUKIANG SUPPRESSED.

Kiukiang, Nov. 18. Visitors to Kuling will in future miss one of its most famous landmarks, the ancient Broken Pagoda, scene of many a jolly picnic. Tang Seng-chi is a member of the Buddhist Association (Fo Chiao hui) and has the necessary psychic powers to enable him to distinguish the various factors affecting the "feng shui" of a locality.

The pagoda stands on an eminence called the Hill of the Lion and, when Tang Seng-chi visited Kuling, he perceived that the Pagoda stood on the lion's head. It followed that the lion was unable to raise his head and it was for this reason that during the past centuries the Chinese had not been able to resist the foreigner. Tang ordered the Pagoda to be pulled down and promised to provide funds for a new pagoda to be built on the lion's tail.

The work of breaking up the old pagoda has been completed. Inside were found 10,000 cash, a stone Buddha and three little gold Buddhas, all of which will be built again into the new Pagoda. Work on the latter had already started when he ran away from Hankow and the funds gave out. So now the Lion will have to do without any pagoda at all and it remains to be seen how the fortunes of the foreigner will be affected.

Vandalism at Kuling. There has been a good deal of indiscriminate cutting down of trees at Kuling, which the magistrate is doing his best to stop. On returning from church last Sunday the few foreigners were amazed to see two coolies lashed to trees on either side of the road in the Gap. They had been caught cutting wood in the Estate and were sentenced to be tied up for three days. It is to be hoped that the magistrate's efforts will be successful, as it would be a great pity if Kuling were stripped of the trees (all planted by foreigners) which make it so beautiful.

Improved Conditions. Down in Kiukiang, with the departure of many of the troops for Hankow, conditions have improved. The impressing of coolies continued for about a fortnight, when one day a policeman on the China Merchant's Bund seized a countryman, with the intention of handing him over to work for the military. The countryman explained that he was sick and could not carry, but that did not worry the policeman. There was an argument and the usual crowd collected.

The policeman eventually offered to let his captive go if he paid \$10. The countryman explained he had not even \$1, let alone \$10 and so the policeman said he would have to come along. The countryman, exclaiming that he might as well die now as later, thereupon threw himself into the river.

There was a great hullabaloo and the man was half-drowned before they got him out. The crowd then turned on the policeman and chased him away and it was heard afterwards that he had been arrested. There has been no further impressing of coolies.

Good Riddance of Soldiers. The foreigners are not sorry to see the backs of the departing troops. These soldiers seem to be under the impression that, providing a house is empty, they are entitled to occupy it.

Of course, they prefer foreign houses. They visited one house in the Concession early one morning and told the servants as it was empty, they proposed to billet themselves there.

The servants told the soldiers that the house was occupied by foreigners but the soldiers pretended not to believe it and they would not leave until their officers had been taken up by the boy to the small daughter's bedroom and shown the child asleep in bed.

JAPANESE LOAN.

JAPAN SURPRISED AT CHINA'S ATTITUDE.

Peking, Nov. 30. Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister, made the statement to foreign newspaper correspondents that he was astounded at Yang Yu-ting's references to the Morgan loan. He explained that Japan was perfectly entitled to raise money abroad when expedient. Since the war with Russia she had spent a tremendous amount of money in Manchuria, which was profitable to the Chinese.

The present Japanese Government desired to still further develop Manchuria economically, hence negotiations were started some time ago between himself and Yang Yu-ting on behalf of Chang Tao-lin.

While he was not at liberty to give details as to these, he might say that they concerned the construction of certain railway lines and matters purely of a local character. There was absolutely no question of Japanese aggression, territorial or otherwise.

Regarding the statement made by Yang Yu-ting that the loan from America was being expended on the railway from Kirin to the Korean border, Mr. Yoshizawa said he was not aware that this was so.

Despite Yang Yu-ting's stigmatizing as fabrications the Japanese reports, an agreement concerning Manchuria was almost complete and he (Mr. Yoshizawa) hoped that the negotiations in the matter would be crowned with success.—Reuter.

RUBBER RESTRICTION RULES.

OPPOSED BY CENTRAL PERAK PLANTERS.

Ipoh, Nov. 23. The Central Perak Planters' Association, at a special meeting, strongly opposed the new restriction rules, and passed a resolution to the effect that the Planters' Association of Malaya, at the meeting in Malacca next month, should firmly dissociate itself from the application of the new rules on the score that the industry had not been consulted.

The meeting also decided to question the representative character of the central restriction committee.

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SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

IMPORTANCE OF DISCOVERY OVERRATED.

London, Nov. 30.

Translations of Dr. von Weimberg's speech at Frankfurt received by the Department of Overseas Trade from the former Consulate General at Frankfurt and Cologne discount their importance in reference to synthetic rubber.

They show that Dr. von Weimberg spoke of the production of elements for the synthesis of rubber and gutta-percha. The Financial Times points out that the reports do not mention the very difficult problem of obtaining a material which at present is essential to the physical and mechanical qualities of natural rubber.

It adds that the Dye Trust has informed the Dutch press that the experiments are still in an initial stage and that it is not yet possible to say whether the production will become a commercial proposition.—Reuter.

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9,114	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
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MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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 Vacuum Oil Co., Ltd., and is designed
 for the carriage of petroleum oils in
 bulk, and has a deadweight of 12,770
 tons on 28 feet draft. Her principal
 dimensions are:—Length b.p., 460
 feet; breadth moulded, 62 feet 6
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The Machinery.

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THE MORPHIA CASE RESUMED.

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first and deliver the goods in due course.

Mr. Lindsell:—The words "with no more dollars than I have in my hand."

Mr. Leask:—That is what I am trying to shut out.

Mr. Lindsell:—It might be evidence to explain the nature of the present transaction.

Bottomley's Bonds.

Continuing, Haynes demonstrated how Christie picked up a hat and indicated the manner in which Horatio Bottomley drew Victory Bonds.

Describing another part of the interview, Haynes said that Christie pressed for Au Yeung's address, but Haynes put him off by giving only Au's club address. Observing Haynes' attitude Christie said: "I will make a first-class grafter of you yet. The whole art depends on knowing where to stop."

In the afternoon, Haynes received a call from Christie asking about Yeung. Haynes told the police and asked for instructions, following which he went to Christie's address and had a "straightforward chat" with him. Witness told Christie that Au was very anxious to do business, but that he was no fool. He told Christie that Au pointed out that "even a prince would not require \$1,000 for a week's trip to Shanghai." Witness said that Au was willing to pay \$300 for Blum's expenses and considered that amount ample. "If you will accept \$300, he will come here tomorrow and hand you the cash," concluded Haynes in that interview.

The reply which Christie is alleged to have made to that was: "Bring him right along and if he has another \$100 in his waistcoat pocket, trust Jimmy to get it out of him."

The whole of this interview, witness transferred to the police.

To lull Christie into a sense of security, witness said that he handed to him a written note to the effect that "the Chinese had only \$300 on him and it would be no use asking for more."

At Christie's request, witness typed out a receipt for this money, which Christie first drafted, and then elaborated the matter further by asking that a proper receipt stamp should be affixed. Christie was going to send out Blum to fetch the stamp when witness, realising that this might spoil the police trap, said that "it was all right, the stamp could be fixed on afterwards."

Police Arrive.

As Christie received the three marked notes, a car drew up outside the house and there came a knock at the door. The police party then entered. Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds came in followed by Mr. Perdue, A. S. P. and other police officers.

Reverting to the interview, witness said he was not positive whether the word "morphia" was actually used by Christie. Christie had always insisted that, when referring to the drug, they were to use the terms "white paint" or "white cargo."

The order given by the Chinese was for a tentative amount of ten kilograms, dates of arrival and delivery to be communicated through Haynes.

HAYNES CROSS-EXAMINED.

Enever Case Recalled.

Mr. Gordon Leask, for the defence, then commenced his cross-examination of witness, which he previously intimated would take a long time.

Mr. Haynes, you describe yourself as a schoolmaster. What qualifications have you for being one?—Brains, I suppose.

Is that the only qualification?—I have been in a University.

What qualifications have you for being a schoolmaster?—Teaching experience and a recommendation by the local Board of Examiners.

Then you have some qualification for the post?—Yes, the recommendation from the Board of Examiners.

Is it a fact that you failed in your Matriculation Examination?—Yes.

What else have you done in your life except as a schoolmaster?—I have gone into journalism for three years at Shanghai. I was at Oxford and I ran away at the age of 16 into the Army and served during the war.

Have you done any company promoting?—No.

Ever known a man named Enever?—Yes, to my sorrow.

In what connexion?—In Hongkong in 1921, I met him. It was this man who persuaded my father to invest \$2,000 in a Company of which I was appointed Secretary.

The name of the Company?—The Anglo-China Trust and Mercantile Company.

Was it ever registered?—Certainly.

Where?—In London.

Any branch registered in Hongkong?—Not to my knowledge.

Do you know a firm named Humphreys and Denman?—That also was a Company run in the same office.

I put it to you that you were working with Enever in a firm that was called "The China Gold-Mining Company"?—I most emphatically deny it.

You just now said that you knew Enever to your sorrow. How?—He got \$2,000 from my father. I was suspected for alleged conspiracy with Enever and it cost my father £2,800 in legal expenses.

Conviction Recalled.

Can you tell us whether you were convicted?—Yes; six months' sentence.

The charge was conspiracy with Enever to do other people out of their money?—I don't know what you mean.

His Worship:—That is, conspiracy to defraud.

Witness:—I was defrauded.

Mr. Leask:—The charge was conspiracy to defraud, was it not?

Witness:—Yes.

Mr. Leask:—Mr. Haynes, I wish you would be more careful. I put to you that you were convicted for conspiracy with Enever to defraud many other people in connexion with a so-called China Gold-Mining Company, was it not?

Witness:—The Lord Chief Justice, in an appeal lodged by me, did not uphold the appeal.

He said he had no power to upset the lower Court's decision. The decision was wrong.

His Worship:—Never mind about your opinion. Were you convicted?—I was, but as a result of the appeal, I only served seven days from the date of appeal.

Mr. Leask:—But you were convicted all the same?—The Lord Chief Justice said that it was never suggested that Haynes was at any time receiving any of the money.

In Shanghai Journalism.

Mr. Leask:—You told us that for three years you were engaged in journalism in Shanghai. Would 1926 be one of these?—I was on the staff of the Shanghai Mercury.

Why did you leave that paper?—I had a row with Mr. Davies of the Mercury.

Let me bring you shortly to the point. You were accused of embezzlement and dismissed?—But there was no question of embezzlement. I was dismissed in the very heat of the argument. I was dismissed because I held a record for long service and preference was given to other white men. I wrote a leading article attacking the China Press. I said I would sue them for libel.

I left the Mercury on February 28th at 10 o'clock, and was written to by Reuters' and offered the post of night editor. I was even advised to take action. However, I got a better post within a few days.

In any case, you were not successful?—I did not take action, if that is what you mean.

When and how did you first meet the prisoner, Christie?—Through a man named Knight.

Knight came to me and said "the notorious Colonel Christie would like to meet you as he knows friends of yours in England." This was in June, 1926. I met Knight the next day and we went to see Christie in his room at the Carlton Hotel at Shanghai.

I put it to you that it was at your own request that Knight took you round to see Christie?—I most emphatically deny that.

Sure of it?—Certainly. I met Christie, who introduced himself to me.

Did you see him again at a house at No. 10 Park Lane in Shanghai?—Yes. Christie left the Carlton Hotel to live there.

I think you were a frequent visitor to this address?—It depends on how you interpret "frequent."

A Cheque Transaction.

Continually a visitor?—Certainly. I went there four or five times, probably for the purpose of settling a cheque transaction. Christie went to my comrade's shop, posed as my friend, and asked my comrade to cash for him a cheque for \$30, which was dishonoured.

I put it to you that you went to Park Lane to borrow money from the person of Christie?—Certainly not. Not only he borrowed ten, fifteen dollars from me, but he also absolutely ruined my credit with my comrade by means of the dishonoured cheque.

Did you go to take a house at Avenue Haigh in Shanghai? Did you not ask Christie to go there to live with you?—No. He said he would like to live with me if that was possible. I offered to live with him? Certainly not.

A Day in June.

Do you remember the 9th or 10th June, 1926?—I remember the 8th. It was my birthday.

Your bankers were the P. and O. Bank?—Yes.

Were you involved with them about that date?—Definitely not.

Not over an overdraft?—No.

DO AWAY WITH ALL DEFENCE!

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Count Von Bernstorff, on behalf of Germany, moved that it be discussed at the second reading of the draft convention on disarmament, the date of which should be fixed, and M. Lunacharsky eventually agreed.—*Reuter.*

British Delegate's View.

Geneva, Nov. 30.
Lord Cushendun, interviewed by *Reuter*, said that no British delegate had participated in the opening meeting of the preparatory disarmament conference, because the occasion had not arisen.

He was of the opinion that according to the strict rules of procedure, Litvinoff was entirely out of order in submitting proposals. His whole proposal was quite irrelevant to the proceedings. The general view of the Soviet scheme, with which he entirely agreed, was that it ought to be postponed until the matter of disarmament had progressed much further.

There is general relief in committee and League circles at the satisfactory issue of the first day's deliberations.

The second reading of the draft disarmament convention, at which the Russian plan has been set down for discussion, will probably be taken in January. The present session of the committee will probably conclude at the week-end.—*Reuter.*

DUEL GOING FROM AUSTRIA.

HUNDRED SLANDER SUITS A DAY.

Vienna, Oct. 19.
The courts appear to have driven duelling from fashion in Austria, according to statistics released by the Government today.

Under an old law in this country, a person who is insulted in any manner may seek satisfaction in the courts, and now that the statute has been revised there are at least 100 applications a day under it. There have, on the other hand, been virtually no duels in Vienna, while before the war at least two or three occurred every week. Punishments are inflicted for everything, from a verbal duel to a slap in the face.

Yesterday, during the trial of one of these so-called "ehrenbeleidigung" cases, the judge remarked in jest to the defendant, who was found guilty: "In Austria you are punished for an insult, but if you murder someone you will go free."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. A mythical monster, half man, half horse. 2. Bordeaux. 3. Lumb. 4. Thackeray, George Eliot, Thomas Hardy. 5. (a) A middle-course; (b) Too much of a good thing (literally "always parting with"). 6. The latest fashionable fad. 7. Every day, in every way I'm getting better and better. 8. A council called in 1621 by the Emperor Charles V. to settle the Luther for his heretical teachings. 9. (a) England; (b) Ireland; (c) Scotland; (d) Italy. 10. The Flying Dutchman. 11. Nathan to King David. 12. That the path of every planet about the sun is an ellipse. 13. Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex; the prevailing winds are westerly, and shed their rain in the hilly west.

On either the 8th or 10th of June, you visited Christie at his house in Park Lane and poured out to him your troubles with the bank?—I hadn't any troubles to pour out.

Did you have a post-dated cheque?—Yes, one.

Did you ask Christie for \$450 to enable you to open a new account with the American Oriental Bank?—No.

I put it to you that at this point when defendant refused to lend you the money you said, "Jim, I thought you were a friend, I shall never forgive you for this." At this interview, did not Christie tell you he was going to Siam?—No. Was Christie's departure for Siam mentioned?—I don't think so, but he disappeared from Shanghai entirely after this. No body knew where or when.

Did you know he had a gold mining concession in Siam?—Certainly not.

Questioned with regard to his meeting with Christie in Hongkong, witness said he first saw Christie in the lounge of the King Edward Hotel in company with Mr. R. H. Charles and a lady. He could not say which of them made the first overture at recognition, but he thought they both beckoned to each other at the same time.

The case is continuing this afternoon.

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